

# Fire Extinguishers

If used properly, a fire extinguisher is a great tool to save lives and property.

## How to Use a Fire Extinguisher

**P**

### Pull the pin

of the extinguisher with the nozzle pointing away from you and release the locking mechanism.

**A**

### Aim low

at the base of the fire.

**S**

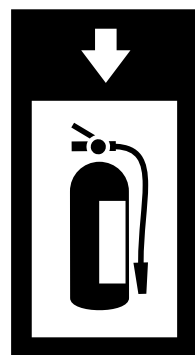
### Squeeze

the lever slowly and evenly.

**S**

### Sweep

the nozzle from side-to-side.








## Use a Fire Extinguisher AFTER

- 9-1-1 has been notified
- notifying others there is a fire
- confirming the fire is small enough to be controlled

## Fire Extinguisher Types

Specific extinguishers work on fires involving specific materials.

Familiarize yourself with these specifications to have the right type of extinguisher available.

| CLASS OF FIRE   | TYPE OF FIRE                      | APPROVED FIRE EXTINGUISHER           |
|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|  <b>A</b> Ordinary Combustibles        | Wood, paper, cloth                | Type A;<br>Type A-B                  |
|  <b>B</b> Flammable Liquids            | Gasoline, paints, oils, grease    | Type A-B;<br>Type B-C;<br>Type A-B-C |
|  <b>C</b> Live Electrical Equipment    | Electrical wiring, fuse box       | Type B-C;<br>Type A-B-C              |
|  <b>D</b> Combustible Metal            | Metals                            | Bucket of Sand                       |
|  <b>K</b> Commercial Cooking Equipment | Commercial cooking oil appliances | *Wet Chemical                        |

\*Class K extinguishers may require specific training, including when they should be used or not used. For example, the extinguishing agents in many Class K extinguishers are electrically conductive and should only be used after electrical power to the kitchen appliance has been shut off.