



HOW TO USE A FIRE EXTINGUISHER

It's one thing to have all of the necessary emergency supplies on hand in the event of a fire. However, the right tools mean nothing without the proper education on how to use them. It's your responsibility to educate and train your employees on how to operate safety equipment. Use our guide on how to use a fire extinguisher



CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Make sure everyone is evacuated from the building. Even if the fire itself appears manageable, you should always have the fire department on the way. Once they arrive, they can double check that the fire was properly extinguished and assess the damage.



POSITION YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY

Position yourself with your back to an exit and maintain this stance. That way, there is an evacuation route that is safe of flames, excessive heat and smoke.

MAKE SURE YOU'RE STANDING 6 TO 8 FEET AWAY

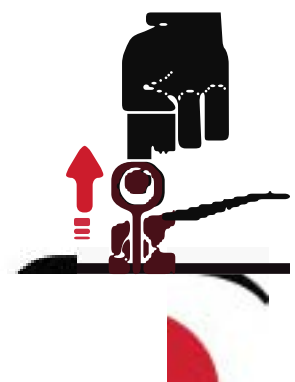
from the flames before discharging the extinguisher. You can move closer as you start dousing the fire.



FOLLOW THE P.A.S.S. TECHNIQUE

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PULL the pin on the top. This will break the seal that prevents accidental discharges. Make sure the nozzle is pointed away from you.



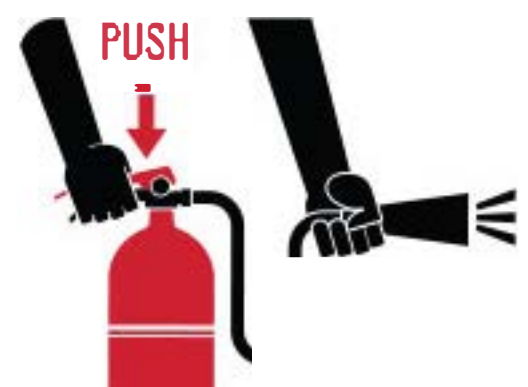
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AIM low, pointing the nozzle at the base of the fire (not the flames). Note: Keep your hands away from the plastic discharge horn on CO2 extinguishers, as it gets extremely cold.



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SQUEEZE the handle or levers to release the extinguishing agent while maintaining your aim at the base of the fire. Apply slow and even pressure.



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SWEEP from side-to-side to extinguish all the fuel onto the fire. Move closer as the flames die down. Continue with a steady sweeping motion until the fire is completely out.

