



Fire Extinguisher Tips

Things to do Before You Use Fire Extinguisher –

Use the acronym R.A.C.E. to remember what to do before hand:

R - Rescue – Ensure everyone is starting to evacuate the building or area of the fire. Smoke is the most dangerous part of a fire for humans and the quicker you get people away from the fire, the less chance of injury or death.

A - Alarm – Call 911 and activate the buildings fire alarm system if there is one. The sooner 911 is activated the sooner the fire department can arrive on scene. The fire department can ensure the fire is completely out and help if the extinguisher does not fully extinguish the fire.

C - Confine – Again, smoke is the most hazardous part of the fire. Shut doors on your way out to limit the spread of smoke in the building/

E – Exit or Extinguish – This is where you decide if you can safely use an extinguisher or you need to evacuate yourself.

If the fire is too big or you don't feel safe using the extinguisher, you have already started to evacuate the building, called 911 and attempted to confine the fire. Extinguish is last for a reason, the priority is to get people out first

How to Use a Fire Extinguisher –

If you decide to use an extinguisher, use the acronym P.A.S.S. to remember how to use your fire extinguisher safely and effectively -

P - Pull – Pull the pin from the handle of the fire extinguisher, this pin keeps the handle from being accidentally squeezed

A - Aim – Aim the nozzle of the extinguisher at the base of the fire, closest to you.

S - Squeeze – Squeeze the handle to propel the extinguisher agent out at the fire. Continue squeezing until the extinguisher is fully used up

S - Sweep – Sweep the nozzle side to side to ensure you cover the entire fire

Safety Information for our Community



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www.bendoregon.gov/fire

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(541) 322-6309



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