



Pull
Aim
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Sweep

If you have a fire extinguisher
in your home, learn how to
use it correctly!

The Facts About Fire Extinguishers



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Key Messages:

- ✓ Consider purchasing an extinguisher that has an ABC rating. This type can be used on most types of fires.
- ✓ Only use an extinguisher if you have learned how to do so. Remember the acronym PASS: *Pull* the pin; *Aim* the nozzle at the base of the fire; *Squeeze* the trigger; *Sweep* the extinguisher from side to side until it is empty.
- ✓ Store the extinguisher in plain view, out of the reach of children and away from stoves and heating appliances.
- ✓ Fire extinguishers should be used only on small, contained fires. *Never* let the fire get between you and the exit.
- ✓ Most fire extinguishers empty in less than 30 seconds. If the fire is not out by then, leave the premises immediately and call the fire department.
- ✓ Many stovetop fires can be safely extinguished without the use of a fire extinguisher. Slide a lid over the pot to smother the flames and turn off the stove.



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Fact

In most cases, the best thing to do in a fire is get everyone out and call the fire department from outside the home.

