

Fire Extinguishers

When used properly, portable fire extinguishers can save lives and property. They work well to contain small fires until the fire department arrives. Portable fire extinguishers are not designed to extinguish large or spreading fires. Even against small fires, they are useful only under certain conditions. Before using a portable fire extinguisher, be sure the fire department has been notified. A few things to remember are PASS:

PULL-the pin.

AIM-at the base of the fire.

SQUEEZE- the handle.

SWEEP-the nozzle back and forth moving in toward the fire.

Fire extinguishers **ARE** designed for:

- Small fires
- Confined fire areas
- People who have read the directions

Fire extinguishers **ARE NOT** designed for:

- Large fires
- Rapidly growing fires
- People who are unfamiliar with fire extinguisher use.

Fire extinguishers come in different classes. Know what is on fire and use the proper extinguisher.

Classes of Fire Extinguishers:

Class A Ordinary Combustibles Paper, Wood	Class B Flammable Liquids Grease, Oil	Class C Electrical Equipment TV, VCR, Power Tools	Class D Flammable Metals Magnesium, Titanium
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WARNING! Using an extinguisher on the wrong class of fire can result in making the fire worse, and possibly death.

When a fire occurs always:

- Evacuate Immediately Notify 911, and sound any alarms.
- Help anyone in danger

NEVER...

Attempt to extinguish a large or rapidly growing fire.

Never fight fires without an escape route.

Never fight fires in a smoke filled room.

Never fight fires if you are in doubt.

Never assume the fire is out.

Wait until the area is inspected and cleared by the fire department. Ignoring any of these steps can be dangerous and fatal.

For further information, or setting up a class on portable fire extinguishers contact the Fort Knox Fire Department for details at (502)624-6016.

If your extinguishers are out of date or in need of recharge, contact the recharge station at (502) 624-5627

The recharge station hours are as follows -----POST USE ONLY.

Tuesday-----8-10:45 a.m. - 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Wednesday----8-10:45 a.m. - 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Thursday-----8-10:45 am - 12:30-3:30 p.m.

CLOSED Monday, Friday, weekends and holidays