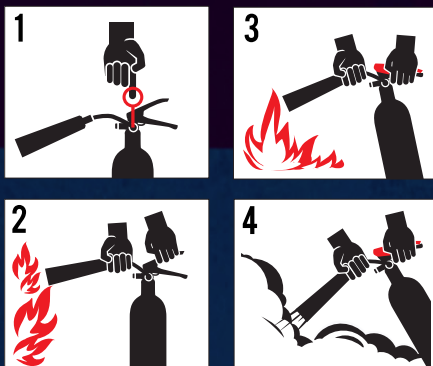


Fire Extinguisher Safety

- If you already have fire extinguishers, check the labels to see what class of fire they are for.
- A red slash through a picture means the extinguisher should not be used for that class of fire.
- Use a portable fire extinguisher when the fire is confined to a small area and is not growing; everyone has exited the building; the fire department has been called or is being called; and the room is not filled with smoke.
- Local fire departments or fire equipment distributors often offer hands-on fire extinguisher trainings.
- Keep your back to a clear exit when you use an extinguisher so you can make a quick escape if the fire cannot be controlled. If the room fills with smoke, leave immediately.
- Inspect fire extinguishers for damage once a month and keep them fully charged.
- To operate most fire extinguishers, remember the word **PASS**.

Most portable extinguishers discharge completely in as little as 8 to 10 seconds.



1. **PULL** – Pull the pin. This will also break the tamper seal.
2. **AIM** – Aim low. Point the extinguisher nozzle or hose at the base of the fire. (Do not touch the plastic discharge horn on CO2 extinguishers, it gets very cold and may damage skin).
3. **SQUEEZE** – Squeeze the handle to release the extinguishing agent.
4. **SWEEP** – Sweep from side to side at the base of the fire until it appears to be out. Watch the area. If the fire re-ignites, repeat steps 2 - 4.

