

Tailgate Talk

“Fire Extinguisher Safety”

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Fire Extinguisher Safety

There are five kinds of fire extinguishers, each used to put out a different type of fire.

Homes and businesses typically have multipurpose extinguishers meant to put out fires that are type A, B, or C.

Type D extinguishers are typically found in manufacturing/fabrication type locations, while type K extinguishers are generally found in large commercial kitchens.

		Ordinary Combustibles	Wood, Paper, Cloth, Etc.
		Flammable Liquids	Grease, Oil, Paint, Solvents
		Live Electrical Equipment	Electrical Panel, Motor, Wiring, Etc.
		Combustible Metal	Magnesium, Aluminum, Etc.
		Commercial Cooking Equipment	Cooking Oils, Animal Fats, Vegetable Oils





When to use a fire extinguisher

You should only use a fire extinguisher if all these questions are answered yes:

- Have I alerted others in the building that there's a fire?
- Has someone called 911?
- Am I able to use a fire extinguisher?
- Is the fire small and contained?
- Am I safe from the fire's smoke?
- Do I have a clear escape route?

Remember P.A.S.S.

Pull the pin. Hold the nozzle facing away from you

Aim low. Point the nozzle at the base of the fire

Squeeze the lever slowly

Sweep the nozzle from side to side at the base of the fire

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