

# Fire Extinguisher

## Before

- Purchase one or more fire extinguishers. See (Supporting Doc) for types
- Place in appropriate, accessible and visible locations
- Draw a Map identifying where extinguishers are located
- Have fire drills with family and other household members
- Practice operating & picking up extinguishers as they can be heavy
  - Read instructions on side of extinguisher
- Remember the **PASS** technique (Supporting Doc)
- Inspect extinguishers every 30 days:
  1. Is it in right location?
  2. Visible and Accessible?
  3. Does gauge show right pressure?
- Conduct annual maintenance
- Have extinguisher recharged if pressure is down or discard if it is not rechargeable

## During

- Size Up:
  1. Is Fire small and contained?
  2. Do you have the proper type/class of extinguisher?
  3. Is the extinguisher large enough?
  4. Is area hazard free?
  5. Do you have 2 safe exits? Do not allow the fire, heat, or smoke to come between you and your evacuation path.
- Exit building if fire is too large or if your evacuation path is in danger
- Report fire location and status to responders
- If appropriate to fight the fire:
  - Follow **RACE** (Supporting Doc)
  - Use the practiced **PASS** technique to extinguish fire
  - After completing **PASS** procedure, back away in case fire flares up again.
- Shut all doors on exit

## After

- Consult technical experts prior to reinitiating services
- Replace or recharge used fire extinguishers

***Know what kind of fire extinguishers you have,  
what fires they put out, and how to use them.  
Have them serviced annually.***