

# FIRE EXTINGUISHERS



Results from a nationwide research study show that only one in three (**34%**) American households have more than one fire extinguisher. Having a fire extinguisher within reach can help to keep you and your family safe. Here are some tips:

- Only use your extinguisher after **making sure**:
  - all residents of the home have been evacuated
  - the fire department has been notified
  - there is a clear exit behind the person using the extinguisher
- Place a fire extinguisher **within easy reach** in rooms where fires are more likely to start such as the kitchen, living room and laundry room.
- Place a fire extinguisher in the bedroom for use in case you need to **create a path** to safety. Nearly half of all fatal fires occur during late night and early morning hours, when families are asleep.
- Choose a **multipurpose** extinguisher that is large enough to put out a small fire but not too heavy to handle.
- **Learn to use** a fire extinguisher properly.



## How to use a Fire Extinguisher

Using a fire extinguisher is easy. Just remember the **PASS** system.



**P** Pull the pin.  
Hold unit upright.



**A** Aim at the base of the fire.



**S** Squeeze the handle.



**S** Sweep from side to side.

For more information on fire safety and prevention, visit [Kidde.com](http://Kidde.com) or [NFPA.org](http://NFPA.org).



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