

CHECK POINTS



- ✓ Locate in a designated place.
- ✓ No obstruction to access or visibility.
- ✓ Operating instructions on nameplate legible and facing outward.
- ✓ Seals and tamper indicators are not broken or missing.
- ✓ No corrosion, leakage, obvious physical damage or clogged nozzle.
- ✓ Pressure gauge reading in the operable range or position.
- ✓ Tip extinguisher back and forth to ensure the extinguishing powder has not compacted.

GENERAL FIRE SAFETY

- ◆ Make sure you have working smoke alarms on every level of your home and outside every sleeping area. For maximum protection, place an alarm in each bedroom.
- ◆ Test your smoke alarm monthly and replace batteries every six months.
- ◆ Replace smoke alarms entirely every 10 years.
- ◆ Draw a fire escape plan using a floor plan of your home including all doors and windows. Determine at least two exits from every room. Designate a meeting place outside in front of the house where everyone can gather after exiting. Practice the plan with your children, preferably at night.
- ◆ In case of an actual fire, get everyone out immediately and call 9-1-1 from a neighbor's phone.
- ◆ Instruct small children about the dangers of playing with lighters, matches, and/or any other type of fire. Teach your child how to call for help in emergencies. Reward an understanding of safety regarding fire.
- ◆ Know how to extinguish small fires on the kitchen stove (simply sliding a lid over a skillet of burning grease often will extinguish a pan fire).



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FIRE EXTINGUISHERS



*Save lives, property and time
by keeping your fire
extinguisher ready at all times!*

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INSPECTION

You can save time and money by checking your own dry chemical fire extinguishers for operational readiness. These 'quick checks' are simply to give reasonable assurance that the extinguisher is fully charged and operable.



FREQUENCY

Extinguishers must be inspected when initially placed in service and annually between maintenance service intervals.

MAINTENANCE

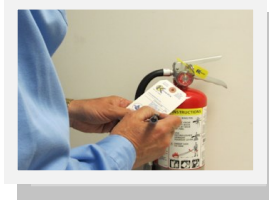
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Most fires start small and grow. A fire extinguisher is your first line of defense against a hostile fire. That is why it is important to keep your fire extinguisher ready to go!



RECORDKEEPING

An inspection must be performed annually. The date and initials of the person performing the inspection must be recorded on a tag affixed to the fire extinguisher.

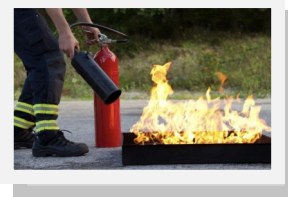


DEFICIENCIES

When your inspection of an extinguisher reveals a deficiency of any of the conditions listed, immediate corrective action must be taken by a qualified technician.

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IN CASE OF FIRE USE THE P-A-S-S METHOD

⇒ **P**ull the pin.



⇒ **A**im at the base of the fire.



⇒ **S**queeze or press the handle.

⇒ **S**weep from side to side at the base of the fire until it goes out.

EXTINGUISHER TYPES



ORDINARY COMBUSTIBLES

CLOTH, PAPER, PLASTICS, RUBBER, WOOD



FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS

GASOLINE, GREASE, LACUERS, OIL, PAINT



ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

ENERGIZED ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, FUSE, BOXES, WIRING



COMBUSTIBLE METALS

SODIUM, MAGNESIUM