

- Read the instructions that come with the fire extinguisher and become familiar with its parts and operation before a fire breaks out.
- Install fire extinguishers close to an exit and keep your back to a clear exit when you use the device so you can make an easy escape if the fire cannot be controlled. If the room fills with smoke, leave immediately.
- Know when to go. Fire extinguishers are one element of a fire response plan, but the primary element is safe escape. Every household should have a home fire escape plan and working smoke alarms.



The Irving Fire Department offers **FREE** fire safety education classes to any organization, club, company or group of people located in the City of Irving. To sign-up go to: [www.cityofirving.org/fire](http://www.cityofirving.org/fire)



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# Fire Extinguisher Safety Tips



A portable fire extinguisher can save lives and property by putting out a small fire or containing it until the fire department arrives; but portable extinguishers have limitations. Because fire grows and spreads so rapidly, the number one priority for residents is to get out safely.

Here are a few fire safety tips for citizens to keep in mind when operating a portable fire extinguisher.

Only use a portable fire extinguisher when:

- The fire is confined to a small area, such as a wastebasket
- The fire is not growing
- Everyone has exited the building
- The fire department has been called or is being called
- The room is not filled with smoke

To operate a fire extinguisher, remember the word **PASS**:

- ☛ **P**ull the pin. Hold the extinguisher with the nozzle pointing away from you, and release the locking mechanism.



- ☛ **A**im low. Point the extinguisher at the base of the fire.
- ☛ **S**queeze the lever slowly and evenly.



- ☛ **S**weep the nozzle from side-to-side.



- For the home, select a multi-purpose extinguisher (can be used on all types of home fires) that is large enough to put out a small fire, but not so heavy as to be difficult to handle.