

# Fire Safety Just-in-Time Training

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- **Your Safety is Number 1!**
  - Always work with a buddy
  - Wear Safety Equipment
  - Only attempt to put out fires smaller than a trash can
  - Have a back-up team if possible
  - Stay between the fire and the exit
- **Supplies:**
  - PPE (Personal Protective Equipment)
  - Fire Extinguisher (A-B-C is for ordinary combustibles, chemicals, electrical)
- **Actions:**
  - Do a safety assessment of the area
  - Can I escape quickly and safely?
  - Do I have the right extinguisher?
  - Is the extinguisher large enough for the fire?
  - Is the area free of other dangers, such as hazardous materials and fallen debris?
- **If you answered “yes” to all these questions proceed to fight the fire; if “no”, leave the area immediately**
  - Work in team (members= #1, #2)
  - Remember the acronym P.A.S.S.
    - Pull the Pin
    - Aim at the base of the fire
    - Squeeze the handle
    - Sweep side to side at the base of fire
- **Fighting the Fire**
  - Team member #1 assumes the “ready” position about 15-20 ft. from fire-holds fire extinguisher, pulls pin, aims nozzle at base of fire, says “Ready”. Team member #2 repeats “Ready”
  - Team member #1 moves forward and says “Going in”. Team member #2 repeats “Going in”
  - Team member #2 stays close, keeping his/her hand on Team member #1’s shoulder or belt and continually assesses the area for safety.
  - Team approaches the fire from the windward side (wind to the team’s back)
  - Team member #1 begins to discharge the fire extinguisher at the base of fire, at about 10 feet from the fire. Continues moving toward the fire until at optimal range.
  - Team member #1 sweeps the base of the fire until the fire is extinguished
  - Team member #1 begins to exit the fire area and says “Backing out”. Team member #2 repeats “Backing out” while guiding Team member #1 with his/her hands. Team member #1 continues to face the fire and look for hazards.

## Fire Extinguisher Operation

If you attempt to fight the fire, remember the acronym P.A.S.S.

### **P**ull the Pin

A small pin inserted through the handle of the fire extinguisher prevents accidental discharge. It is held in place by a thin plastic strap which will break easily when the pin is pulled or twisted.

### **A**im the Extinguisher

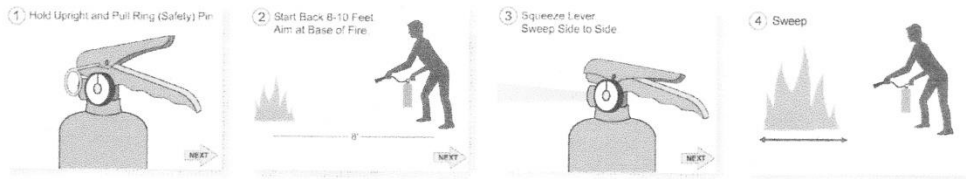
Point or aim the extinguisher at the base or front edge of the fire.

### **S**queeze the Handle

Squeeze the handle to discharge the fire extinguisher.

### **S**weep from Side to Side

Keep the extinguisher aimed at the base of the fire and sweep side to side, pushing the fire away from you.



## Safety Precautions

Keep in mind the following safety precautions if attempting to extinguish a fire:

- Be sure you have the correct fire extinguisher for the type of fire and know how to use it.
- In commercial kitchens with built-in fire protection systems, the system should be activated before attempting to use a portable fire extinguisher.
- Maintain your exit. Leave yourself a way out in case the fire gets out of control.
- Have a back-up person standing by whenever possible in case assistance is needed.
- Stop and leave the area immediately if you experience any physical problems such as dizziness or difficulty breathing.
- Even if you think a fire is out, call the fire department to inspect the area. A fire may reignite or may still be smoldering where it cannot be seen.
- If a fire extinguisher has been used and is rechargeable, have it serviced before returning it to original location.

EXIT



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