

P-A-S-S TECHNIQUE FOR FIRE EXTINGUISHER USE

When To Fight The Fire...

Fight the fire only if all of the following are true:

- Everyone has left or is leaving the building.
- The fire department is being called.
- The fire is small and confined to the immediate area where it started (wastebasket, cushion, small appliance, etc.).
- You can fight the fire with your back to a safe escape route.
- Your extinguisher is rated for the type of fire you are fighting and is in good working order.
- You are trained to use the extinguisher and know you can operate it effectively.

If you have the slightest doubt about whether you should fight the fire — DON'T! Instead, get out and close the door behind you.

PROTECT YOURSELF AT ALL TIMES!

Stay low. Avoid breathing the heated smoke and fumes or the extinguishing agent.

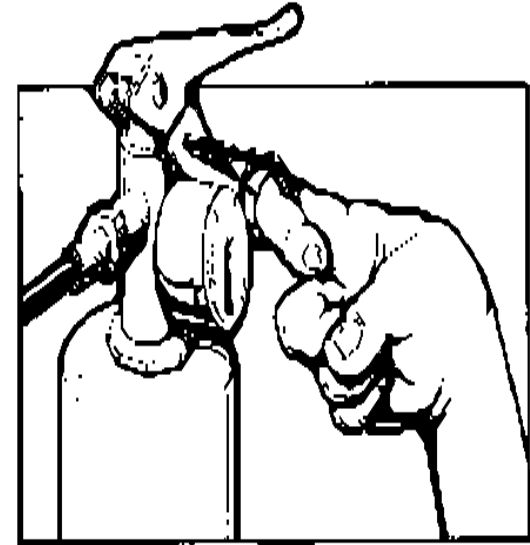
If the fire starts to spread or threatens your escape route, get out immediately!

Remember:

If you are called on to use an extinguisher, just think of the word "P.A.S.S."

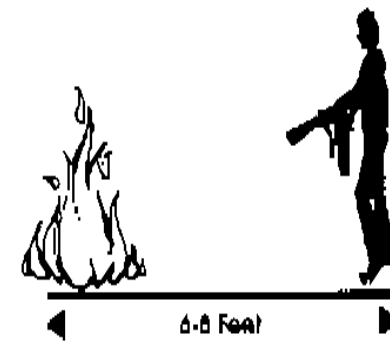
PULL

the safety pin at the top of the extinguisher.



AIM

the nozzle or hose at the base of the flames. Stay between six and eight feet away from the flames.



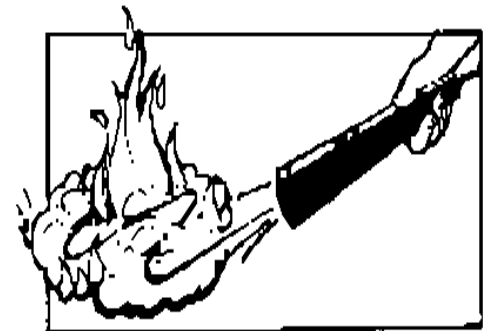
SQUEEZE

or press the handle.



SWEEP

from side to side at the base of the fire until it goes out.



By following these procedures, a fire can be extinguished in the quickest and safest manner possible.

REMEMBER

1. Learn Pull-Aim-Squeeze-Sweep (PASS) to help you remember how to use fire extinguishers and what to do with them after use.
2. Fire extinguishers are located in fire cabinets next to fire stairwell doors. They are multi-purpose (ABC) extinguishers