

Fire Extinguishers & Preparedness Resources on the Web



Deciding to Use a Fire Extinguisher

There is a series of questions to ask before attempting to fight a fire with a fire extinguisher:

- Are there two ways to exit the area quickly and safely if I attempt to extinguish the fire?
- Do I have the right type of extinguisher for the type of fire?
- Is the extinguisher large enough for the fire?
- Is the area free from other dangers, such as hazardous materials and falling debris?
- Am I experienced or trained in the use of a fire extinguisher?

START TO EXTINGUISH THE FIRE

If you have been unable to put out the fire in five seconds using the extinguisher, you should:

- Leave the building immediately (activate fire alarm system if it is safe to do so)
- While leaving the building, shut doors to slow the spread of the fire: and
- Contact local fire department

ONCE FIRE IS EXTINGUISHED

- Notify the local fire department
- Stay and overhaul (verify) the fire is out if the area is safe

	Safety Guide: Using a Fire Blanket	https://www.claremontcert.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Fire-Blanket-Safety-and-Usage-Guide.pdf	
	<u>The</u> Five Classes of Fire	https://www.claremontcert.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Fire-Classes-and-Extinguisher-Guide.pdf	
	Using a Fire Extinguisher The P.A.S.S. Method	https://www.claremontcert.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Fire-Extinguisher-Safety_-PASS-Method.pdf	
	YouTube Video on using a Fire Extinguisher (12 min video)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=errFmFihhNg	

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