

Fire Extinguisher Training for Small Fires
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Acronym for reacting to a Fire

REACT

Remove those in Danger

- Housing Codes make it slightly safer but HOUSEKEEPING is still as important. Maintaining egress for major pathways is important in the case of a Fire.

Ensure doors are closed

- Fire Doors must remain closed: it is a legal requirement and failure to do so will result in full liability
- Electrical Room Doors should absolutely remain closed
- Don't worry about Windows, they won't supply the house with enough oxygen to keep the fire going and removing yourself from the danger is more important.
- Use the back of your hand to check the door for heat.
- To escape a fire, find a path out of the building, and Get Low and Go.
- If you can't get out; find a stairwell.
- Example: A Scented Candle was all it took for a house to nearly burn to the ground. The door being closed was all it took for a disaster to be averted.

Activate your Alarm

Call 911

Try to Extinguish

- Only if it's safe to do so

Types of Fires

- A
 - Ordinary Combustible
 - Water can extinguish
- B
 - Flammable Liquids
 - Think of “Barrel” Fire
- C
 - Electrical Equipment
- D
 - Metal Fire
 - Lethbridge Iron Works had a Metal Fire last month
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- K
 - Grease Fire
 - Do NOT THROW Water on the Grease Fire
 - BAKING SODA
 - Always have a lid by your pot
 - Class K Extinguisher
 - Hood System is setup to extinguish fires
 - The ULSU “Falls” on Fire
 - The ULSU maintains

Types of Extinguishers

- Class K
 - Grease Fire
 - Baking Soda
- CO2
 - Standard Fire Extinguisher

Acronym for using a Fire Extinguisher

PTASS

1. **PULL**
 - The Pin must be pulled in order to use the Fire Extinguisher properly. This sounds like common sense but in the instance of a Fire, this may be difficult to remember.
2. **TEST**
 - Proper upkeep of Fire Extinguishers is mandatory but testing the Fire Extinguisher is important before attempting to put it out
3. **AIM**
 - Aim for base of Fire
4. **SQUEEZE**
 - Extinguishers last for about 40 seconds
 - Distance away: 8 feet
5. **SWEEP**
 - Move slowly from side to side