

FIRE EXTINGUISHER USE

HOT TIPS for Dealing with Fire

- >Sound the Fire Alarm
- >Call the Fire Department
- >Keep your back to an escape path free of fire, heat, or smoke
- >Get your fire extinguisher ready:

Operate the extinguisher using the **P.A.S.S.** technique -

- ***PULL** the pin to release the locking mechanism
- ***AIM** the hose nozzle at the fire's base
- ***SQUEEZE** the handle to spray the extinguishing agent
- ***SWEEP** from side to side at fire's base until it's out

- >Back away from the extinguished fire in case it flames up again
- >Evacuate immediately if:

- *the extinguisher is empty and the fire is not out
- *the fire progresses beyond the incipient stage
- *there's any doubt about your ability to fight the fire

Evaluate the Situation Before Fighting a Fire

- Is the fire small enough that you can put it out safely?
- Have you been trained to properly use a fire extinguisher?
- Is a fire extinguisher within easy reach?
- Is the air safe to breath?
- Is there too much smoke and heat?
- Is the extinguisher fully charged and large enough?
- Will you be putting yourself or others at risk by staying to fight the fire?

