

How to Use a Fire Extinguisher

Knowing how to use a fire extinguisher before you're confronted with a fire is one of the best ways to prevent an emergency. Always report the fire first. When in doubt, get out of the building.

Before You Use an Extinguisher

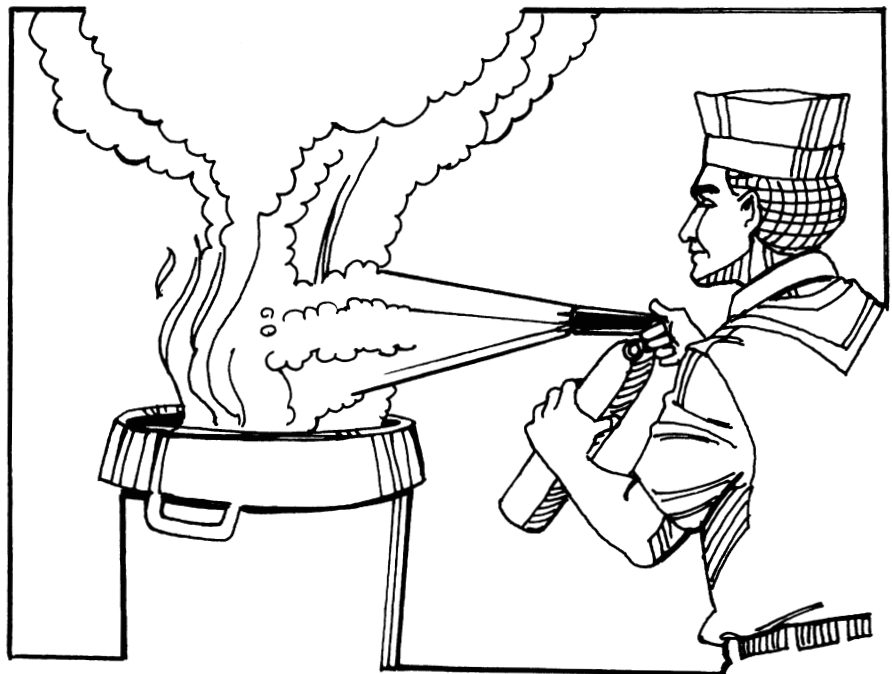
Is the fire small and contained?

Are you 6 to 10 feet from the blaze with your back to a safe exit?

Do you have the right type of extinguisher for the type of fire?

Here's How

- **Pull the safety pin.**
- **Stand about 8 feet from the fire.**
- **Aim at the base of the fire.**
- **Squeeze the trigger.**
- **Use a back and forth sweeping motion.**
- **Aim accurately; fire extinguishers may only last from about three to 20 seconds.**
- **Use a fire extinguisher only if the fire is small and easily contained.**



**Where are the fire
extinguishers located
in your workplace?**