

How to Use a Fire Extinguisher: PASS Technique

The PASS Fire Extinguisher technique should be common knowledge to EVERYONE!

PASS is the acronym used to describe the four *essential steps* of operating a fire extinguisher.

1. **P**ull

The first step is to **pull** the pin at the top of the extinguisher. The pin is in place to prevent the handle from being accidentally pressed. Immediately test the extinguisher before approaching the fire to ensure it is working correctly.

2. **A**im

Stand at a safe distance from the fire and **aim** the nozzle of the extinguisher at the base of the fire.

3. **S**queeze

Squeeze the handles to release the fire extinguishing agent. To stop, release handles. Make sure you are at a safe distance before releasing the handles as the fire could flare up again.

4. **S**weep

Sweep the nozzle of the fire extinguisher from side to side maintaining your aim at the base of the fire.

