How To Use A Portable Fire Extinguisher


All UL Lafayette employees should be familiar with the information listed on this sheet. This information applies to the Type ABC extinguishers located within the buildings on campus. Any questions regarding this information can be directed to Joey Pons, EH&S Director, at 482-5357 or safetyman@louisiana.edu. Before attempting to fight a fire, activate the fire alarm and call 911 (University Police). If the fire starts to spread or threatens your escape path, get out immediately!

REMEMBER THE WORD PASS... PULL... AIM... SQUEEZE... SWEEP...

PULL... Pull the pin. Some extinguishers require releasing a lock latch, pressing a puncture lever or other motion.

AIM... Aim low, pointing the extinguisher nozzle (or it's horn or hose) at the base of the fire.

SQUEEZE... Squeeze the handle. This releases the extinguishing agent.

SWEEP... Sweep from side to side at the base of the fire until it appears to be out. Watch the fire area in case fire breaks out again, and repeat use of extinguisher if necessary.

Other helpful information about fire safety is posted throughout every building in the Emergency Information Floor Plan. Please identify and familiarize yourself with this document in your building.