

Pick the right extinguisher for job.

Different types of extinguishers put out different types of fires:

- Type “A” – extinguishes fires of burning wood, cloth, and paper.
- Type “B” – extinguishes fires involving liquids, greases & gases.
- Type “C” – extinguishes fires involving energized electrical equipment.

VU Residence Halls have combination “ABC” extinguishers that can extinguish most fires.

“ABC” type extinguisher



Make sure the extinguisher is ready to use.

Vanderbilt’s fire extinguishers are serviced annually to make sure they are in good working order, and a tag is placed on each extinguisher to indicate the last time it was inspected.

The “ABC” extinguishers found in most locations have a gauge that you can check to make sure the extinguisher is full. Check the gauge to be sure the indicator is in the **green** section. If the needle is in the **red** section, you will need to evacuate the building, because by the time you reached the next extinguisher, the fire will probably be too large to fight with a portable extinguisher.

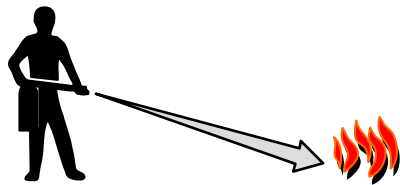
PASS when using a fire extinguisher.

Pull the Pin.

Aim the nozzle at the base of the fire.

Squeeze the handle.

Sweep back and forth.



Start at least 8-10 feet away from the fire.

Break the plastic seal, then remove the pin.



Remember...

- Never try to extinguish a fire that is larger than a small trash can.
- If you aren’t sure if you can put out a fire, **evacuate!**
- Be sure you have the right extinguisher type for the job.
- Have a clear path to the exit if in case you can’t put out the fire.
- Never start spraying the fire extinguisher closer than 8 feet from the fire. If you start any closer, the force of the spray can cause burning materials to spread to a new location.

