

## **Fire Extinguishers**

A portable fire extinguisher can save lives and property by putting out a small fire or containing it until the fire department arrives - but portable extinguishers have limitations. Because fire grows and spreads so rapidly, the #1 priority for occupants is to get out safely.

### **Fire Extinguisher FAQ**

#### **Where should I place my extinguisher(s)?**

Extinguishers should be placed where they are readily accessible in the event of a fire, which typically includes normal paths of travel.



#### **When should I replace my extinguisher?**

Replace your extinguisher if the gauge or pressure indicator needle is not in the "green" or "full" area (some household extinguishers do not have gauges), or it shows signs of damage (cracking on the hose or nozzle, nozzle blocked with debris, handle that's wobbly, broken or missing).

Replace your extinguisher every 12 years, even if it appears to be in good working order.