

Fire Safety: How To Use a Fire Extinguisher

When responding to a fire emergency, use the R.A.C.E acronym:

Rescue- Remove students and occupants in danger of immediate harm

Alert/Alarm - Whoever discovers the fire should activate the nearest fire alarm pull station or call 911

Confine/Contain - Closing doors and windows can prevent the spread of smoke or fire

Extinguish/Evacuate - Only use one fire extinguisher and then evacuate immediately

Don't attempt to fight the fire unless:

- Alarm is sounded
- You have been properly trained to use a fire extinguisher
- Fire is small and contained
- You have a safe way out, which can be reached without exposure to the fire

Fortunately, most fire extinguishers operate in the same way, which can easily be remembered with another acronym, P.A.S.S. :

Pull- the ring pin

Aim - at the base of fire, stand back 6 to 8 feet

Squeeze - or press the handle

Sweep - side to side at the base of the fire

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