

House Fires

Fire Extinguishers

Where are YOUR Fire Extinguishers?

If your kids are old enough to talk, they should know where the fire extinguishers are in your home. Not because they could necessarily use one, but because they could tell a babysitter or someone else where they are if the need arises when you aren't home.

When Should You Use a Fire Extinguisher?

- Small fires
- Contained to a single object
- Only if you are safe from toxic smoke and also have an escape route, should you not be able to put the fire out.

How do you use a fire extinguisher?

Use the acronym **PASS**

Pull the pin. Point the nozzle away from you and release the locking mechanism.

Aim low, at the base of the fire.

Squeeze the lever slowly and evenly.

Sweep the nozzle from side to side.



Basic Fire Safety

- ♥ Call 911
- ♥ Don't Hide, Go Outside!
- ♥ Fall and Crawl (stay low to the ground)
- ♥ Feel the bottom of the door and doorknob. If it's hot, don't open the door!
- ♥ If you catch on fire, STOP, DROP, & ROLL!
- ♥ GET OUT AND STAY OUT
- ♥ Firemen are your friends - you can go with them

Emergency Exit Plan

Walk around the house together, discussing how to exit each room. There are things you may not have thought about until ACTUALLY doing it, so be sure to not just TELL the kids what to do, but HAVE THEM DO IT.

Make sure everyone has the tools and knowledge they will need to actually get themselves out.

- Does everyone know how to unlock their windows?
- Is everyone tall enough to reach the lock? If not, do they have a stool in their room (or something to climb on) so they can REACH the window?
- If you live in a multi-level home, does everyone know where the fire ladders are?

Show everyone how to exit a room **START TO FINISH** (including touching door handles, etc), and then **have them do it**.

- Unlock the window
- Open the window
- Push out the screen
- If on the second floor, use the fire escape ladder
- Crawl out of the window
- RUN, (don't walk!) to your designated safe place

