



LET'S TALK FIRE SAFETY

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Fire Extinguishers

Extinguisher Facts:

There are 5 classes of fire and there are 5 types of extinguishers designed for each class.

- Type A -ordinary solids
- Type B -flammable liquids
- Type C -energized electrical equipment
- Type D -combustible metals
- Type K -oils and fats

Extinguishers are designed **only** for small fires.

Local Statistics

In 2016, 17% of the cooking fires were contained to the stove by an extinguishment agent and were out upon VFD arrival.

Safety Tips

- Make sure to have a home escape plan in

place that everyone in the household practices on a regular basis.

- Keep your back to the exit making sure to



not allow yourself to become trapped by the fire.

- Make sure that the extinguisher you select for your home is large enough to put out small fires, but not so heavy that it is diffi-

cult to handle.

Always Remember

- ♦ Call 911 before using a fire extinguisher to ensure that help is on the way.
- ♦ If you do not feel comfortable using the extinguisher, do not attempt and just exit the premises and wait for help to arrive.

PASS:

Pull the pin. Hold the extinguisher with the nozzle pointing away from you, and release the locking mechanism.

Aim the nozzle low towards the base of the fire.

Squeeze the lever slowly and evenly.

Sweep the nozzle from side-to-side.

National Fire Protection Association

<http://www.nfpa.org/public-education/by-topic/fire-and-life-safety-equipment/fire-extinguishers>

Fire Safety Word Search

URYHFOMVKVMKISMISGVJJNP
CJDHBFHAMMABLELIQUIDS
CGVCCJKCARBONDIOXIDEV
BJHFBVKJEXTINGUISHERKN
GDVVYBCJDCBCDREDKJM
CVCLASSESBBCBUFIREKJCI
PROPERJHBFNNNNBBBHLU
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Fire Safety Quiz

1. It is possible to put out a fire with an extinguisher by spraying at the smoke and flames.
 - A. True
 - B. False
2. Fire extinguishers should be serviced every _____ months and maintained on a _____ basis.
 - A. three, weekly
 - B. Two, daily
 - C. Twelve, monthly
 - D. Five, hourly

Correct Answers: 1. B; 2. C

Knowing How to Properly Use Fire Safety Equipment is Beneficial to Us All

Did you know that the Valdosta Fire Department does have extinguisher training classes at no charge to our citizens. For more information about these classes, please contact Tangela Rowe at 229-333-1835.

Did you know that having working smoke alarms in all sleeping areas of your home as well as having a home escape plan increases your chances of survival in the event of a fire.

Have a fire safety question you would like for the Fire Department to answer, please contact Tangela Rowe at 229-333-1835 or you can send an email valdostafire@valdostacity.com



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