



SAFETY GUIDELINE 6

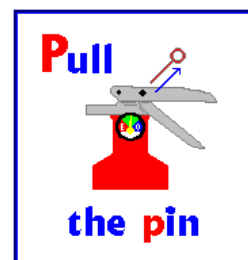
How to Use a Fire Extinguisher

An important part of fire safety is knowing where to find fire extinguishers and how to use them. It is easy to remember how to use a fire extinguisher if you can remember the acronym **PASS**, which stands for **PULL**, **AIM**, **SQUEEZE**, and **SWEEP**.



Pull the pin.

This will allow you to discharge the extinguisher.



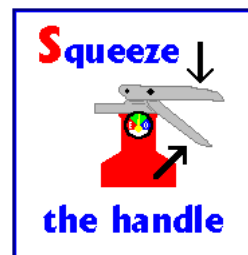
Aim at the base of the fire.

If you aim at the flames (which is frequently the temptation), the extinguishing agent will fly right through and do no good. You want to hit the fuel.



Squeeze the top handle.

This depresses a button that releases the pressurized extinguishing agent in the fire extinguisher.



Sweep from side to side.

Until the fire is completely out. Start using the extinguisher from a safe distance away, and then move forward. Once the fire is out, keep an eye on the area in case it re-ignites.



Theory is great, but there is no substitute for hands-on experience. If you would like to practice using a fire extinguisher (or set up a group or class or fire team to do so), please contact Piet van Deventer (*4657) or Malan Oosthuizen (*4658).

For more information on fire prevention, visit our website: <http://www.sun.ac.za/usbd/forms.htm>