

## How to Use a Fire Extinguisher

The proper use of a fire extinguisher is listed below.

Position yourself at a safe distance from the fire (e.g., 8-10 feet when using an ABC-type unit, 5-7 feet when using a CO<sub>2</sub> unit).

Use the 'PASS' Method:

<b>P</b> ull	<b>P</b> ull the pin: This unlocks the operating lever and allows you to discharge the extinguisher.
<b>A</b> im	<b>A</b> im low: Point the extinguisher nozzle/horn/hose at the base of the fire.
<b>S</b> queeze	<b>S</b> queeze and hold the handle to discharge the extinguishing agent without any interruption.
<b>S</b> weep	<b>S</b> weep slowly from side to side as you hold the handle squeezed.

Move closer carefully only if you see that the extinguisher agent is effective on the fire and it appears to be decreasing in size and intensity.

Watch the fire area until it has completely cooled down.

Repeat the 'PASS' procedure if the fire re-ignites.

Report the fire to the FSU PD and the discharged extinguisher to EH&S. Once used, the extinguisher must be recharged.

<b>PULL PIN</b>	<b>AIM AT BASE OF FIRE</b>	<b>SQUEEZE AND SWEEP SLOWLY FROM SIDE TO SIDE</b>
		