



HOME FIRE SAFETY EQUIPMENT

FIRE BLANKETS

Know your equipment and practice what to do when it comes to fire safety equipment.

FIRE BLANKET CHECK LIST

- Keep fire blankets accessible in the kitchen and away from the stove.
- Take hold of the two tabs and pull the blanket from its bag.
- Hold the tabs towards yourself and protect your hands.
- Walk slowly towards the fire and stretch out your arms in front of you.
- As the blanket touches the top of the stove, place it over the fire.
- Leave the blanket over the pot for at least thirty minutes.
- If it's safe to do so, turn off the gas/electricity at the stove or at the main supply.
- Call Emergency Triple Zero (000) and evacuate your building to ensure your safety.



A fire blanket is designed to be used once only. Follow the manufacturer's instructions.

The Australian Standard symbol on the packaging shows if the equipment is approved and safe to use.



Australian Standard



In a life threatening emergency dial Triple Zero (000)



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FIRE EXTINGUISHERS



Poor maintenance and incorrect usage of fire extinguishers in the home are two key reasons small house fires can spread endangering lives and causing considerable damage to property.

House fires can be brought under control within the first few minutes of ignition if attended to correctly with an extinguisher that is well maintained, which can buy valuable time before the Fire Services arrive.



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SAFE OPERATION OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

The acronym **PASS** is used to describe these four basic step for using modern portable fire extinguishers.



PULL

Pull out the pin and test the extinguisher. Walk slowly to within 2 to 3 metres of the fire.



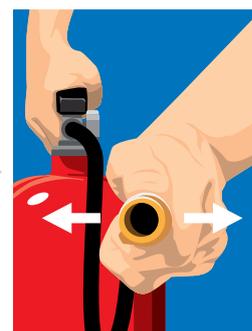
AIM

Aim at the base of the fire.



SQUEEZE

Squeeze the handles together.



SWEEP

Sweep the extinguisher at the flames from side to side. Continue until the fire is out.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER TIPS

- ✓ The Australian Standard 2444 (AS 2444) Portable Fire Extinguishers and Fire Blankets selection and location will provide comprehensive information.
- ✓ Ensure everyone in the home/office knows the location of all extinguishers and how to use them.
- ✓ Only ever operate an extinguisher if safe to do so. If in doubt, get out.
- ✓ Remove the safety pin by pulling it sharply (this also breaks the plastic seal). Test to ensure that the extinguisher is operable immediately after removing from the mounting bracket.
- ✓ Always try to work in pairs for safety.
- ✓ Carry or drag extinguisher to the scene of the fire.



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