

Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association

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Nursing student fights fire with portable extinguisher

UMSL Daily (St. Louis, MO)

January 15, 2019

ST. LOUIS, MO - A University of Missouri-St. Louis College of Nursing student is being credited with saving her neighbor's apartment and two dogs after she discovered a fire in their kitchen. She was alerted to the fire by the apartment's fire alarm, but when she went to check on the apartment, she learned that her neighbors weren't home. After calling 911 and contacting the neighbors, she was able to get into the apartment and use a portable fire extinguisher to put out the flames. She found their two dogs hiding in an upstairs bedroom and worked to clear smoke out of the room until fire authorities and the homeowners arrived. [\[Read more\]](#)



"A little two-and-a-half-pound extinguisher can save your house."

- Richard Osterberg Jr.,
Chief, East Hampton, NY
Fire Department



Call fire department;
Announce fire/alert
others; Make sure
everyone is safe.



Defend
in place



Fire/smoke
alarm sounds



Suppression
system
activates

Extinguisher used to put out dryer fire

WTVB (Coldwater, MI)

January 15, 2019

COLDWATER, MI - The Coldwater Fire Department was called to the Old Mill Race Apartments after a plumber accidentally ignited lint in the building's mechanical room dryer while he was soldering a copper pipe. Firefighters told reporters that the plumber used a portable fire extinguisher to put out the flames before they spread. Damage was limited to burnt insulation and lint in the mechanical room ceiling.

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"A sound fire safety strategy has to include portable extinguishers. They can extinguish fires during the incipient stage before they are large enough to trigger a sprinkler or other suppression system. This helps to protect against property damage and the buildup of dangerous smoke."

- Joe Pierce, Retired Deputy Chief
Dallas, Texas Fire Department

Maintenance man saves the day with fire extinguisher

WMDT ABC 47 (Dover, DE)

January 2, 2019

DOVER, DE - A maintenance man is being hailed as a hero in Dover after he put out a fire in an apartment complex, saving four children. While the cause of the fire is not known, it started just after 1:30 p.m. in an apartment. As soon as the building's maintenance man was alerted to the fire, he used a portable fire extinguisher to put it out. After extinguishing the fire, he learned that there were four children in a room that was adjacent to the where the fire had started. No one suffered any injuries as a result of the fire. [\[Read more\]](#)





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The Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association is the premier trade association representing leading brands, and spanning dozens of product categories related to fire protection. The Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association is comprised of four divisions represented by product categories: portable fire extinguishers, interior equipment, fire hose and pre-engineered suppression systems. These divisions work together in an effort to promote Layered Fire Protection, Life Safety and initial response when disaster strikes. Members of the Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association have formed a subgroup, the Government Relations Committee (GRC), to address legislative and regulatory issues relating to portable fire extinguishers and pre-engineered systems. The GRC's main goals focus on helping to educate officials by advancing a layered fire safety philosophy that reflects the need for both sprinklers and portable extinguishers. This newsletter is published periodically to communicate to key members of the fire services and code officials on the importance of layered fire safety and the role that special application fire suppression systems and portable extinguishers play.