

Donated extinguisher helps stop fire

CCX Media (New Hope, MN)

March 8, 2020

New Hope, MN - At the start of the New Year, West Metro Fire began offering free home safety surveys to residents. During the survey, members of the fire department perform a walk through with homeowners to identify safety hazards and provide smoke detectors or fire extinguishers, at no cost, to residents who need them. Back in January, a New Hope family was able to save their home by putting out a basement fire using the portable fire extinguisher they received after the home safety survey. West Metro's Deputy Fire Marshal told reporters that she thought, "if they wouldn't have had the home safety survey, he wouldn't have had a fire extinguisher. He wouldn't have known how to use a fire extinguisher, and when to use one." [\[Read more\]](#)



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

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

Two kitchen fires reported in 24 hours

KTVZ News (Bend, OR)

January 31, 2020

Bend, OR - Two kitchen fires were reported within hours of each other in January in Bend, OR. The first fire started around 11am at an apartment complex after a stovetop was turned on to boil water. A coffee carousel was accidentally left in range of the burner and caught fire. Residents were evacuated after the fire broke out, but the tenant was able to extinguish the flames using a portable fire extinguisher. The second fire occurred later that evening when a 20-year-old microwave caught fire while operating. The fire was also put out using a portable extinguisher, which limited damage to the home. [\[Read more\]](#)



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



Defend
in place



Fire/smoke
alarm sounds



Suppression
system
activates



Sprinkler
system
activates



Fire
department
responds



Electrical shortage in bathroom prompts evacuation

Treasure Coast News (Palm Bay, FL)

February 7, 2020

Indian River County, FL - On a Friday morning, firefighters responded to the report of a small fire at a Children's Discovery Center. The fire started in the bathroom of the center after an electrical outlet shorted. After smelling a strange odor coming from one of the vents in the bathroom, a staff member located the fire and put it out using a portable fire extinguisher. The children were immediately evacuated and eventually sent home for the day. No one was harmed and the fire was extinguished before fire authorities arrived. [\[Read more\]](#)

"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

Fire caused by phone charger put out with extinguisher

WCVB (Boston, MA)

February 2, 2020

Beverly, MA - A Beverly couple woke up recently to the sound of their fire alarm alerting them to a fire in the kitchen. After leaving their phones to charge in the kitchen overnight, one of the chargers caught fire with the flames quickly spreading in the kitchen. The couple was able to contain the flames by using a portable fire extinguisher they had just received as a gift. When the firefighters arrived, they were able to put out the remainder of the flames. While the kitchen was heavily damaged, no injuries were reported as a result of the fire. [\[Read more\]](#)



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