12-year-old saves siblings with fire extinguisher

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Naples, FL- A family in Southwest Florida is thankful for their son’s quick thinking. Playing on his Xbox late one night, the young boy became alarmed when he was overpowered by the smell of burning plastic. After realizing his brother’s mini fridge had caught on fire, he quickly picked up his sister and led his other siblings to safety. Returning with his nanny, he smothered the flames with a portable fire extinguisher. As a result of his actions, there were no injuries. [Read more]

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

- Richard Osterberg Jr., Chief, East Hampton, NY Fire Department
Whitehall, MI- Over Memorial Day weekend, a local Whitehall family was shocked when their pool heater burst into flames. Enjoying some s’mores with friends, the party was interrupted by a cloud of smoke billowing from the pool house. Upon discovering the fire, the family’s guest, a Fire Inspector at White Lake Fire Authority, swiftly grabbed a portable fire extinguisher from the kitchen and put out the flames. Only the pool heater and attached plumbing were lost. **[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
Lightning strike started home fire

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Norwalk, IA- On a recent Tuesday evening, the Norwalk fire department was called to put out a house fire that was ignited by a bolt of lightning. The strike hit the home's shed and travelled to the house. The owners acted swiftly, grabbing their portable fire extinguisher, and put out the flames. While the house sustained some damage, everyone inside remained out of harm's way.

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