

An 'Angel' with an extinguisher stopped a car crash fire

Bel Air Patch (Bel Air, MD)

May 26, 2017

BEL AIR, MD - A man was turning left in his car at an intersection when a school bus ran a red light and hit his car. Witnesses immediately called emergency officials, notifying them that the car had started on fire. A bystander jumped into action by flagging down a different school bus, grabbed a portable fire extinguisher, and put out the flames. When first responders got to the scene, the fire was out and they were able to focus on removing the driver from the car. The father of the car crash survivor told reporters that the bystander who put out the flames and saved his son was an "Angel".

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

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

Charcoal grill starts apartment fire

KLEW TV (Pullman, WA)



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

June 6, 2017

PULLMAN, WA - Fire authorities are warning people to be extra careful, and have a fire extinguisher on-hand, when using charcoal grills after briquettes in Pullman, WA caught on fire a month after they were used. The Pullman Fire Department responded to a call about a deck fire one recent Sunday morning. When they arrived, the apartment tenants had already put out the fire using a portable fire extinguisher. The Pullman Fire Chief told reporters that research has found that wet briquettes can spontaneously combust in the right conditions, which he believes is what happened in this situation. [\[Read more\]](#)



"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

Ferry generator fire put out quickly with extinguisher

Vineyard Gazette (Martha's Vineyard, MA)

June 2, 2017

MARTHA'S VINEYARD, MA - During a routine trip, the chief engineer on a Martha's Vineyard ferry discovered a fire in one of the three generators on the boat. The fire started as the ferry was coming into port in Vineyard Haven. The chief engineer quickly grabbed a portable fire extinguisher and doused the flames. Upon docking, passengers were evacuated and the fire department determined the fire was completely extinguished. [\[Read more\]](#)



Fire in a Walmart put out with extinguisher

NBC10 (Coventry, RI)

May 26, 2017

COVENTRY, RI - The Coventry, RI Walmart had to be temporarily closed for inspection and cleaning after a small fire started inside the store. Fire authorities determined that the fire started as result of a bottle of liquid chlorine leaking down onto an electrical outlet. The fire started in the pool chemical aisle of the store and managed to catch some pool filters on fire. Once an employee discovered the fire, they quickly grabbed a portable fire extinguisher and put out the flames. The incident occurred around 7:00 AM, but the store was able to reopen just after 1:00 PM the same day. [\[Read More\]](#)



Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association 101

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.