

## Cellphone fire put out with extinguisher

KOMO News (Puyallup, WA)

March 16, 2017

PUYALLUP, WA - Costco employees had to spring into action after a customer's cellphone caught fire in his pants. The man was shopping when, abruptly, the cellphone in his pants pocket started smoking and burst into flames. As the man hurried to remove his pants, other customers and employees were alerted to the incident. The man was able to completely take off his pants, and an employee had grabbed a portable fire extinguisher to put out the flames. The store manager told reporters that the customer was not injured as a result of the fire. [\[Read More\]](#)



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

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

## Historic library saved with fire extinguisher

The Daily Bruin (Los Angeles, CA)

March 24, 2017



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

LOS ANGELES, CA - Powell Library administrators at the University California, Los Angeles are reviewing the library's lighting system after a desk lamp light bulb started a fire. A library staff member spotted the fire in the Reading Room while working one night. After calling the fire department, the librarian found a portable extinguisher and put out the fire before authorities arrived. UCLA facilities workers are taking further precautions by completing a thorough check of the library's lamps, as they want to ensure the safety of the historic Powell Library. [\[Read more\]](#)



*"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**

## **Employees use a fire extinguisher to save a local business**

**WZZM 13 (Marne, MI)**

March 17, 2017

MARNE, MI - Six fire departments responded to a dispatch call of an explosion at a local barrel reconditioning facility. The company's president said that the fire was caused by an inexperienced employee grinding too close to a barrel. Before any of the fire departments were able to arrive at the scene, employees had already put out the flames with a portable fire extinguisher. Two workers were checked out on the scene as a precaution, but no one was taken to the hospital. Fire authorities inspected the building, but there was only minor damage as a result of the fire and employees were cleared to reenter shortly after the incident. [\[Read more\]](#)



### **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.