

Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association

Saving Lives, Protecting Property

Hotel employee extinguishes washing machine fire

The Bismarck Tribune (Bismarck, ND)

July 13, 2018

BISMARCK, ND - Earlier this month, a laundry machine caught fire at the My Place Hotel in Bismarck. While it is unclear what started the fire, a hotel employee is credited with putting out the flames by using a dry chemical portable fire extinguisher. Once fire crews arrived, they only had to ventilate the building of smoke, as the employee had extinguished the entire fire. No injuries occurred as a result of the fire and only the washing machine itself was damaged. [\[Read more\]](#)



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

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

Hospital fire put out with extinguisher



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



Defend
in place



Fire/smoke
alarm sounds



Suppression
system
activates



Extinguisher

The Daily Star (Oneonta, NY)

July 15, 2018

COOPERSTOWN, NY- During a recent Sunday morning, an overhead lamp ballast at the Bassett Medical Center caught on fire, causing it to melt and burn. When firefighters responded to the scene, they found that it had already been put out by a hospital staff member using a portable fire extinguisher. While no one was injured as a result of the fire, four hospital patients had to be relocated to other rooms while their original spaces were cleaned. Thanks to the staff member's actions, none of the equipment in the hospital was damaged and the staff members were able to continue helping any walk-in patients.

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Bassett Healthcare Network

"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 candle put out with extinguisher

Central Maine News (Augusta, ME)

July 14, 2018

AUGUSTA, ME- The residents of a two-story home in Augusta had to jump into action after the buildings smoke detectors alerted them to a fire. The mother and daughter were able to control the flames with their portable fire extinguisher until fire fighters arrived. The fire is believed to have been started by a candle that was left unattended in another room of the house. While no one was injured because of the fire, the home did sustain minor damage. The two women stayed in an alternate location that evening because firefighters needed to shut down the electricity during their response. [\[Read more\]](#)



Sprinkler system activates



Fire department responds



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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.