

# Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association

## *Saving Lives, Protecting Property*

## 12-year-old saves siblings with fire extinguisher

Yahoo Lifestyle (Naples, FL)

May 23, 2019

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**



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



**Defend  
in place**



**Fire/smoke  
alarm sounds**



# Fire extinguisher saves family from tens of thousands of dollars in damage

[FireExtinguishersSaveLives.org](http://FireExtinguishersSaveLives.org) Submission  
(Whitehall, MI)

June 3, 2019

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]**



Suppression  
system  
activates



Sprinkler  
system  
activates



Fire  
department  
responds

***"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

WHO-HD Ch. 13 News. (Norwalk, IA)

May 28, 2019

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. [\[Read more\]](#)



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## 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.