

[Local reporter shares how fire extinguisher saved her home](#)

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After waking up to her fire alarm sounding, a local reporter in Bethlehem, PA found her dishwasher on fire. As the flames began to spread, she grabbed a portable fire extinguisher and used it to completely extinguish the flames. Damage was limited to the dishwasher and the family was able to return home shortly after authorities cleared the house. After the incident, she shared her experience, stressing that the outcome could have been much worse if she did not have a fire extinguisher on hand. [\[Read more\]](#)



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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

[Father and son save driver from burning vehicle on Christmas night](#)

On Christmas night, a Snoqualmie, WA father and son saved a driver trapped inside a burning car involved in a wrong-way crash. The father and his son attempted to rescue the unconscious driver but were unable to open the car doors due to the damage from the accident and spreading fire. Fortunately, the father had a portable fire extinguisher on hand and used it to knock out the flames. The driver was safely removed from the vehicle and taken to a nearby hospital for treatment. [\[Read more\]](#)



"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

[Quick response saves family home](#)

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In Zumbrota, MN, a police officer's swift response to a fire prevented serious damage. When a bystander called to report a fire, the sergeant arrived to find the exterior of a home ablaze. After confirming that the home had been safely evacuated, the sergeant used a portable fire extinguisher to put out the flames. When fire officials arrived on scene, they confirmed that damage was limited to the exterior of the home. Thanks to the officer's timely response, the residents returned home shortly after the incident. [\[Read more\]](#)





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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.

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