

Quick action with extinguisher saves lives in house fire

Shenandoah Sentinel (Shenandoah, PA)
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A quick-thinking resident in Ashland, PA is being credited with saving lives after using a portable fire extinguisher to control a kitchen fire. The resident, who was upstairs at the time, noticed the fire and immediately took action, using the extinguisher to completely put out the flames. Fire officials later emphasized that the extinguisher was instrumental in saving both the home and the lives of the residents. [\[Read more\]](#)



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

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

Heroes save driver after car catches fire

Beatrice Daily Sun (Beatrice, NE)
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Bystanders in Dundee, NE, are being praised for their quick actions in saving a driver whose vehicle had caught fire. As flames rapidly engulfed the car, two bystanders grabbed portable fire extinguishers and used them to slow the blaze long enough for others to pry open the car door and rescue the trapped driver. Although injured, the driver was saved before the fire could reach him. After the incident, one of the bystanders noted that she immediately purchased two more portable fire extinguishers to ensure she is prepared for a future fire emergency. [\[Read more\]](#)



"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

Oven fire quickly extinguished

Philomath News (Philomath, OR)
August 15, 2024

A woman in Philomath, OR, averted disaster when oil in her oven ignited during a self-cleaning cycle. As the oven caught fire, she quickly grabbed a portable fire extinguisher from outside her apartment door and successfully extinguished the flames before firefighters arrived. Thanks to her swift actions, the damage was limited to the oven, and the fire department's full response was canceled before they arrived. [\[Read more\]](#)



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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

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product categories: portable fire extinguishers, interior equipment, fire hose and pre-engineered suppression systems. Those 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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