

Homeowners extinguish fire started by family pet

MI Patch (Almira Township, MI)
October 2, 2024

Homeowners in Almira Township, MI, used a portable fire extinguisher to put out a kitchen fire started by the family pet. According to fire officials, the family cat likely turned on the oven's self-cleaning function which ignited grease in a pan left overnight. The home's smoke alarm sounded, waking up the homeowners who quickly used a portable fire extinguisher to extinguish the fire before firefighters arrived. [\[Read more\]](#)

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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

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

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

Use of fire extinguisher prevents porch fire from spreading

Star News (Elk River, MN)
October 14, 2024

An employee of a Minnesota retirement community used a portable fire extinguisher to put out a fire caused by a discarded cigarette, preventing a potentially devastating porch fire. When a poorly discarded cigarette ignited a porch planter, flames and smoke began to enter the apartment building. Hearing the smoke detector, the employee quickly grabbed a fire extinguisher and put out the flames on the porch. Local fire officials praised her quick action and the importance of well-placed fire extinguishers. [\[Read more\]](#)



"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 fire extinguisher against mechanical fire

KETV (Lincoln, NE)
October 28, 2024

Employees at a manufacturing plant in Lincoln, NE utilized a portable fire extinguisher to stop the spread of a duct fire. After a mechanical failure in the plant's exhaust system sparked the fire, employees used a nearby fire extinguisher to knock out the flames before firefighters arrived on scene. Fire officials praised the employees for their quick response, noting that they likely prevented serious damage to the plant. [\[Read more\]](#)



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.



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