

11 year-old honored for fire extinguisher save

9 News (Fort Collins, CO)

January 3, 2025

An 11-year-old from Fort Collins, CO is being honored for helping save her neighbor's home after quickly extinguishing an apartment fire. When she noticed the fire, she quickly ran to grab a nearby portable fire extinguisher. Her swift use of the extinguisher prevented the fire from spreading further and potentially trapping the occupants. The young girl, who learned how to use a fire extinguisher from her father, received the fire department's "Community Action Award" for her heroic actions. [\[Read more\]](#)



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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

Bystander, fire extinguisher help save home on Christmas

ABC 8 News (Henrico County, VA)

December 25, 2024

A Henrico County, VA couple narrowly avoid disaster on Christmas Day by using a portable fire extinguisher to put out an electrical fire. When a bystander alerted them to a fire on their front porch, the homeowner quickly used a fire extinguisher to suppress the fire. When firefighters arrived, they found that the fire was completely extinguished. Following the incident, the homeowner encouraged everyone to keep a fire extinguisher on hand. [\[Read more\]](#)



"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

Neighbor uses fire extinguisher against cooking fire

WBAY (De Pere, WI)

November 18, 2024

In De Pere, WI, a fire in a townhome kitchen was extinguished using a portable fire extinguisher. When a grease fire broke out on the stove, the homeowner called 911. Before firefighters could arrive, a neighbor and a nearby police officer used a fire extinguisher to completely extinguish the fire. Upon arrival, firefighters determined that the fire was contained to the kitchen and that everyone had gotten out safely. Fire officials encouraged everyone to keep a fire extinguisher at home, especially near cooking areas. [\[Read more\]](#)

FIRE PREVENTION REMINDER AT HOME
FIRST ALERT SAFETY DESK

- FIRE WAS EXTINGUISHED BEFORE FIREFIGHTERS ARRIVED CAUSE OF THE FIRE:
- UNATTENDED COOKING OIL
- LEFT ON STOVE UNATTENDED
- BE VIGILANT WHEN COOKING WITH GREASE OR OIL
- ALWAYS HAVE A FIRE EXTINGUISHER AVAILABLE

5:37 33°
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WEATHER GREEN LAKE 32° NOW FAIR 53° NOON CLOUDY 51° 3PM RAIN

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.

