

Hero saves neighbor with fire extinguisher

KGUN 9 (Tucson, AZ)
June 19, 2025

A South Tucson resident is being hailed as a hero for using a portable fire extinguisher to stop an apartment fire and protect his neighbor. On June 19, the man jumped into action after spotting smoke and hearing fire alarms while walking his dog. Seeing his neighbor struggling on a smoke-filled balcony, he raced into the building, where he forced open the apartment door and located a nearby portable fire extinguisher. Though smoke prevented him from reaching his neighbor directly, he contained the fire and gave first responders the time they needed to arrive. Thanks to his quick action, the fire did not spread, and no lives were lost. [\[Read More\]](#)



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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

Ceiling fan fire stopped by portable fire extinguisher

Fox News
July 2, 2025

A fire in a New Jersey home was quickly brought under control thanks to the homeowner's fast response and access to a portable fire extinguisher. The incident began when a ceiling fan suddenly caught fire, dripping burning material onto the floor. Fortunately, the homeowners were prepared and used a fire extinguisher to suppress the flames before they spread, preventing what could have been a devastating fire. After the incident, the homeowner emphasized the importance of fire safety and preparedness. [\[Read more\]](#)



"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

Fire extinguisher used to save car crash victim

ABC 7 (Chester, NY)
June 11, 2025

In Chester, New York, a bystander's use of a portable fire extinguisher helped control a car fire long enough for first responders to rescue a trapped driver. Footage of the incident shows police officers arriving at the scene as the bystander grabbed a portable fire extinguisher from his vehicle and used it to control the blaze so that emergency personnel could reach the trapped passenger. The driver was hospitalized but made a full recovery. First responders credited the extinguisher use with creating the conditions that allowed for a safe and timely rescue. [\[Read more\]](#)

