

Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association

Saving Lives, Protecting Property

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. [\[Read More\]](#)



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

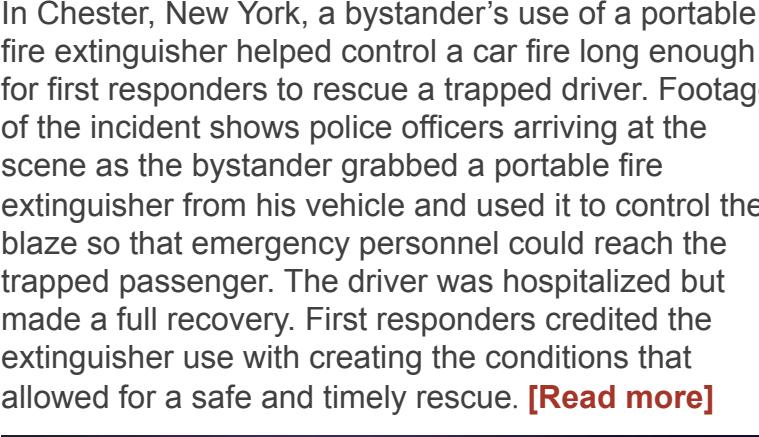
- Richard Osterberg Jr.,
Chief, East Hampton, NY
Fire Department

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. [\[Read more\]](#)

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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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