Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association
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Bystanders Use Portable Fire Extinguishers to Prevent Fire from Damaging Businesses, Apartments

Kiro 7 (Everett, WA)
September 25, 2026

Several bystanders used portable fire extinguishers to fight and contain a dumpster fire next to a mixed used residential and commercial building in Everett, Washington. Community members worked to suppress the burning cardboard inside the trash compactor area and limit its spread toward the building's exterior. When first responders arrived at the scene, they were able to completely extinguish the fire. No injuries were reported and due to the quick response of bystanders the damage was limited to the compactor enclosure and exterior siding of the building. **[Read More]**



School Staff Contain Fire at Middle School Using Portable Fire Extinguisher

13 News Now (Chesapeake, VA)
September 24, 2026

Proactive school staff at Hickory Middle School in Chesapeake, Virginia deployed a portable fire extinguisher to successfully extinguish a kitchen fire caused by a commercial dishwasher. The prompt actions of school staff contained the fire to the dishwasher with minimal damage. When firefighters

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arrived at the scene, they safely ventilated the area and reported no injuries. **[Read more]**



Employee Stops Restaurant Fire Using Portable Fire Extinguisher

Tampa Bay 28 (Tampa Bay, FL)
September 21, 2026

An employee at a Tampa Bay, Florida restaurant prevented a major structure fire by using a portable fire extinguisher to contain a commercial ice machine fire that ignited. The employee's rapid intervention knocked down the bulk of the flames and limited the spread of the fire until Citrus County Fire Rescue crews could respond. Firefighters completely extinguished the fire and ventilated the building, confirming there were no injuries. Damage was limited to the ice machine. **[Read more]**



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.