HOW DO I USE A PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHER PROPERLY?

Always follow manufacturer's instructions for the size and type of extinguisher you are using.

- Keep well back of the fire when using the extinguisher.
- Hold the extinguisher with the nozzle pointing away from you. Remove the pin or lever release mechanism, unlocking the operating lever.
- Aim the extinguisher nozzle at the base of the fire. Hold the extinguisher vertically.
- Squeeze the handle fully to release the contents of the extinguisher.
- Move the nozzle from side to side in a sweeping motion at the base of the fire. Fight the fire closest to you and continue the sweeping motion until the fire is extinguished.

NOTE: If your extinguisher is empty or the fire grows larger, leave the building immediately, closing the doors behind you. Once outside, call 9-1-1 or your local emergency number. Do not re-enter the building until the fire department says it is "SAFE" to do so.

Yes, ONLY if the following conditions apply:

- Everyone has left the fire area, and is evacuating the building.
- The fire department has been called.
- The fire is confined to a small area.
- A clear escape route exists between you and the fire.
- There is an appropriate, working fire extinguisher available.
- You have read the extinguisher instructions and have received training in its safe operation.