

TOGETHER**WE** PREPARE



Together, we can save a life

Using a Fire Extinguisher

Purchase an A-B-C rated fire extinguisher and teach all responsible family members how to use it.

However, the Red Cross strongly recommends that you visit your local fire department to practice using a fire extinguisher properly. You need to practice to ensure you will remember how to respond when you are forced to react quickly. Also, please remember that most household fire extinguishers are designed to put out very small fires only. Attempting to put out large fires with a household extinguisher can be dangerous. An experienced fire professional will be able to explain the safest, most effective way to use your extinguisher.

Remember, fire extinguishers are for small fires only. When using one, stand back 10 feet from the fire, keep your back to an exit and remember the **PASS Sequence**:

- P**ull the pin out
- A**im the extinguisher
- S**queeze or press the handle
- S**weep from side to side at the base of the fire