

FIRES

What should I do if I discover a fire?

- ACTIVATE THE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM by pulling one of the **pull stations** that are located along the exit routes, **IF** the alarm is not already sounding.
- FOLLOW YOUR EVACUATION ROUTE and evacuate the building through the nearest exit **If the alarm is sounding. DO NOT USE ELEVATORS.**
- PROCEED to the pre-determined **outdoor assembly area** for the building.
- CALL 911 to **report** the fire.
- REMAIN OUTSIDE in the assembly area until you have been told to re-enter the building by the **emergency personnel** in charge.

What do I need to know about portable fire extinguishers?

- Portable fire extinguishers are installed throughout FAU buildings.
- Familiarize yourself with the locations of the fire extinguishers and receive hands-on training.
- Fire extinguishers can only be used for small fires that can be easily contained.
- ABC fire extinguishers are used to fight Class "A", "B" and "C" fires:

Class "A": Fires caused by ordinary combustibles, such as wood, paper or textiles.

Class "B": Fires caused by flammable and combustible liquids, such as cooking oil, gasoline, and other solvents.

Class "C": Fires caused by electrically-energized equipment or appliances, etc.

When should I use a portable fire extinguisher?

Attempt to use fire extinguishers **ONLY** if the following apply:

- The building is **being evacuated**.
- The **fire department** is being called.
- The fire is **small, contained, and not spreading** beyond its starting point.
- The exit is **cleared** and there is no imminent peril.
- The **proper extinguisher** is readily available.
- You are **trained** on how to use the fire extinguisher.

How do I use a fire extinguisher?

To operate your extinguisher, remember the word **PASS**.

- **P - Pull the pin**
- **A - Aim low**
- **S - Squeeze**
- **S - Sweep**

Contact EH&S to immediately replace the used fire extinguisher at (561)297-3129.

How do I prevent fires from occurring?

Check for the following fire hazards at all times and report to EH&S:

- Improper disposal of smoking materials.
- Exits not clearly marked.
- Means of egress blocked by storage.
- Trash and other combustibles have not been disposed of regularly.
- Improper storage of flammable and combustible liquids.
- Electrical hazards, such as overloaded outlets, unapproved types of extension cords, exposed wires and power cords that are in poor condition.
- Use of open flames / candles.

SEE EMERGENCY EVACUATION AND SHELTER IN PLACE PROCEDURE SECTIONS.