Fires

What should I do if I discover a fire?

- ACTIVATE THE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM by pulling one of the nearest 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, after you evacuate the building.
- 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.
- Multi-purpose 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:
- You are trained on how to use the fire extinguisher.
- The proper extinguisher is readily available.
- The fire is small, contained, and not spreading beyond its starting point.
- The exit is cleared and there is no imminent peril.
- The building is being evacuated.
- The fire department is being called.

How do I use a fire extinguisher?

To operate your extinguisher, remember the word PASS.

- **P** – Pull the pin
- **A** – Aim low at the base of the fire
- **S** – Squeeze the lever
- **S** – Sweep across the fire

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 or call University Police:

- 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.