Results from a nationwide research study show that only one in three (34%) American households have more than one fire extinguisher. Having a fire extinguisher within reach can help to keep you and your family safe. Here are some tips:

- Only use your extinguisher after making sure:
  - all residents of the home have been evacuated
  - the fire department has been notified
  - there is a clear exit behind the person using the extinguisher
- Place a fire extinguisher within easy reach in rooms where fires are more likely to start such as the kitchen, living room and laundry room.
- Place a fire extinguisher in the bedroom for use in case you need to create a path to safety. Nearly half of all fatal fires occur during late night and early morning hours, when families are asleep.
- Choose a multipurpose extinguisher that is large enough to put out a small fire but not too heavy to handle.
- Learn to use a fire extinguisher properly.

**How to use a Fire Extinguisher**

Using a fire extinguisher is easy. Just remember the **PASS** system.

1. **P**ull the pin. Hold unit upright.
2. **A**im at the base of the fire.
3. **S**queeze the handle.
4. **S**weep from side to side.

6 feet

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