

# Home Fire Safety

## FACT SHEET



Tasmania Fire Service

## Portable fire extinguishers and fire blankets

**!** **REMEMBER – Saving lives through a quick escape is far more important than saving property.**

You should be trained in the use of an extinguisher or fire blanket to use them safely and effectively.

**An emergency is not the time to read instructions.**

If you do not know how to use a fire extinguisher or fire blanket:

- 1. Get down, get low, get out** – smoke is poisonous, get underneath it on your hands and knees, and crawl to the nearest safe exit.
- 2. Shut the doors behind you** to stop the spread of fire.
- 3. Shout Fire! Fire! Fire!** to warn others.
- 4. Ensure everyone is out** of the building.
- 5. Get out and stay out – never go back inside.**
- 6. Go to your safe meeting place** – such as your letterbox.
- 7. Call triple zero '000'** from a mobile or a neighbour's phone.
- 8. Wait for the Fire Service to arrive.**

**There are a number of types of portable fire extinguishers available and some extinguishers are rated for one or more types of fire.**

Some extinguishers can be extremely dangerous to use on certain types of fire and can increase the fire and threaten your safety. Some extinguishers are also considered ineffective against certain types of fire.

Tasmania Fire Service recommends the **Powder ABE extinguishers** (pictured at right) for use in your home.\*

This extinguisher is suitable for the following types of fire:



Wood, paper, plastics etc



Flammable liquids



Flammable gases



Energised electrical equipment



This extinguisher **IS NOT** suitable for use in kitchens with cooking oils or fats. A fire blanket must be used for kitchen fires.



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