USE OF PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Use a portable fire extinguisher only when trained to do so and only on small fires. For example: A garbage can on fire or a fire, which has not yet spread beyond the immediate area.

If you even have to think whether the fire is too big to be extinguished with a portable fire extinguisher, the fire IS most likely too big!

Here are some rules when using a portable fire extinguisher:

- Sound the alarm at a pull station first
- Make sure you can use the extinguisher!
- ALWAYS keep your back towards an unobstructed exit, stand at least six feet away from the fire and follow the four-step PASS procedure (See below).

Note:
A fire extinguisher only lasts for approximately 10 to 15 seconds. NEVER risk your safety!

PASSProcedure

- **P** Pull the Pin
- **A** Aim the extinguisher nozzle at the base of the flames
- **S** Squeeze trigger while holding the extinguisher upright
- **S** Sweep the extinguisher from side to side, covering the area of the fire with the extinguishing agent while moving forward.