Even though fire extinguishers come in a number of shapes and sizes, they operate in a similar manner. Here is an easy acronym to remember regarding fire extinguisher use:

**P A S S** - Pull, Aim, Squeeze, and Sweep

**P**ull the pin at the top of the extinguisher that keeps the handle from being accidentally squeezed.

**A**im the nozzle toward the base of the fire.

**S**queeze the handle to discharge the extinguisher while standing approximately eight feet away from the fire. If you release the handle, the discharge will stop.

**S**weep the nozzle back and forth at the base of the fire. After the fire has been put out, watch it carefully since it can reignite.