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ACCESSING SAFETY KNOWLEDGE (ASK) SHEET: STEPS FOR CARRYING AND USING A FIRE EXTINGUISHER

STEP 1: Inspect the extinguisher daily

It needs:

- 1. The pin secured in the handle by a plastic retainer
- 2. current certification
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- 3. the dial marked in the green range

STEP 2: Extinguisher repair companies recommend **carrying UNUSED extinguishers by the** <u>nozzle end</u> to prevent movement of the handle against the valve which can cause slow, possibly unobserved, leaks.



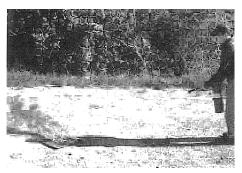
STEP 3:

The PASS System: Pull, Aim, Squeeze, Sweep

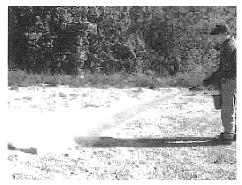
First, <u>**PULL**</u> the locking pin out tearing the plastic retainer.



Second, <u>AIM</u> the hose at the base of the fire.



Third, **SQUEEZE** the trigger handle.



Fourth, **<u>SWEEP</u>** the stream back and forth.

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