



Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust

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- Is there a clear escape path behind you that is free of smoke, heat and fire?
- Is the visibility OK, and is it easy to breathe?
- If no or if there is any doubt about your safety, evacuate immediately.

PASS Technique

- P: Pull the pin; this breaks the tamper seal and allows you to activate the extinguisher.
- A: Aim the nozzle at the base of the fire.
- S: Squeeze the trigger while keeping the nozzle aimed at the base of the fire.
- S: Sweep the nozzle side to side at the base of the fire until extinguished.
- Watch fire. If it reignites, repeat steps 2-4.
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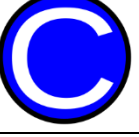





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