

According to the Fire Industry Association (FIA) a new survey has highlighted that rather than declining in importance, portable fire extinguishers have an even more vital role to play as a first aid response to fire, with 88 percent of fires that are tackled with portable fire extinguishers actually being extinguished. Fire extinguishers can be a small but important part of the home fire safety plan. They can save lives and property by putting out a small fire or suppressing it until the fire department arrives.

Fire safety experts advise that you attempt to extinguish a fire only if you have first made sure that everyone else has left or is leaving the building, and that someone has called the fire department. Remember, lives are more important than property.

A grease fire in a kitchen can be especially dangerous. If you catch it early you may be able to put it out. But if a grease fire gets out of control, it can easily send a kitchen up in flames within three and a half minutes, leaving little time to escape.