

USGS experts say that the two most needed resources to help survive a major earthquake will be having enough stored water to drink and fire extinguishers to put out small fires that may spread quickly.

# Extinguish Fires

When possible, use the "Buddy System" or have someone back you up when using a fire extinguisher.

If in doubt about a situation leave immediately and close off the area (close the doors, but DO NOT lock them). Leave the building, dial 911 and relay information about the fire.

## Use the PASS method

**P**ull the pin

**A**im low

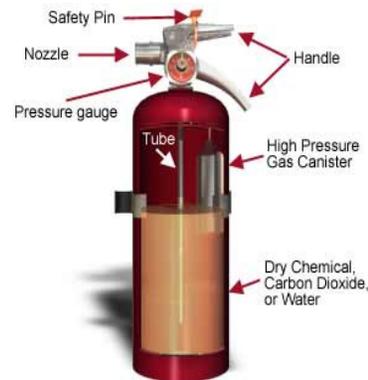
**S**queeze the lever

**S**weep side-to-side



Do not walk in an area that you have "extinguished" in case the fire reignites or the extinguisher runs out! Remember: you usually can't expect more than 10 full seconds of extinguishing materials from a typical unit and this could be significantly less if the extinguisher was not properly maintained or partially discharged.

The metal parts of CO<sub>2</sub> extinguishers tend to get dangerously cold - practice using one beforehand or have someone show you the proper way to hold one.



# Water Storage

Make sure the water storage container you use is of food grade quality with a tight fitting screw-cap lid. Milk containers are not recommended because they do not seal well.



Store at least one gallon of water per person per day for at least 3 to 5 days. Change and replace the water at least once a year. Once opened, use it do not store it further.

Store disinfectants such as iodine tablets or chlorine bleach (eight drops per gallon) to purify water if necessary.



If you plan to store retail bottled water, keep water in its original sealed container and observe the expiration date (typically 2 years).

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