

CERT Monthly Safety Tip

Fire Safety - Expect the Unexpected

Fires can happen suddenly for a variety of reasons in our homes and garages, barbeque grills and cars. Most can be extinguished quickly and effectively if we are prepared.

The first concern is always the safety of you and your family. If you cannot quickly and safely extinguish the fire, get out of the house and call 911.

It is suggested that an **A-B-C fire extinguisher** is best for home use. These fire extinguishers are suitable for putting out wood and paper fires, flammable liquid fires, and electrical fires. Install it close to a home exit; keep your back to a clear way out in case the fire gets out of control.

To operate a fire extinguisher, remember <u>PASS</u> – <u>Pull the pin; <u>Aim low; Squeeze the lever slowly and evenly; Sweep the nozzle from side to side.</u></u>

Set a calendar reminder to check all fire extinguishers and change smoke alarm batteries twice a year.

The next CERT monthly meeting is on Thursday, Oct 20 at 10AM in the Oasis, room TBA. For more information, contact Lyle Weissbach, fetzer3@aol.com.