

## “PASS the Test!!”

### Fire Extinguisher Use & Safety

#### Objective

Fires in a kitchen can occur quickly and without warning. It is critical that all staff know the proper procedures for using a fire extinguisher in case of an emergency.

Give every employee a chance to pick up the fire extinguisher and review the P.A.S.S. method (WITHOUT ACTUALLY DISCHARGING THE FIRE EXTINGUISHER). Make sure they know where it is located and are familiar with its different parts. In addition, find out if your school has a fire blanket and where is located.

**TRAINING TIP** - Have a fire extinguisher available to demonstrate.

Discussion Points:

- **An untrained person cannot safely use a fire extinguisher**
  - If there is a fire there is not enough time to read directions.
  - Fires only take 30 seconds to get out of control.
- **There are 4 main parts on a fire extinguisher**
  - Carrying handle/Operating lever.
  - Locking pin
  - Pressure gauge
  - Discharge nozzle
- **Limiting factors of a fire extinguisher**
  - Range is only 3-15 feet
  - It discharges its contents VERY QUICKLY (5 to 30 seconds)



#### What should you do if you see a fire?

- **Make a quick “Fight or Flight Assessment” by evaluating the following**
  - Can you . . .
    - ✓ Remove source of fuel
    - ✓ Turn off equipment if possible
    - ✓ Turn off vents if necessary
  - Has the Fire Alarm been sounded?
  - Is the fire small and NOT spreading?
  - Do you have a CLEAR escape route?
  - Should you use a fire extinguisher?
- If you use a fire extinguisher remember the P.A.S.S. Method
  - P** Pull the pin
  - A** Aim low at the base of the fire
  - S** Squeeze the lever
  - S** Sweep the flames from side to side



#### Is the fire out?

Watch the fire area, if the fire re-ignites repeat PASS. If the fire cannot be controlled then LEAVE!