Information Sheet

How to use a Fire Extinguisher

* Fire extinguishers are designed to be used on small fires
* Always ensure that there is an exit route behind you in case you can’t put the fire out
* Start firing the extinguisher when you are about 2 to 3 metres from the fire

P  Pull the pin to break the tamper seal

A  Aim at the base of the fire

S  Squeeze the handle to begin discharging the extinguishers

S  Sweep the nozzle from side to side keeping the extinguisher aimed at the base of the fire

* In most cases you will need to empty the entire contents of the extinguisher
* Once the fire is out keep watching it while you back away in case it reignites
* If you can’t extinguish the fire, evacuate immediately and call the Fire Service 111