

# USE OF FIRE EXTINGUISHER



## CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT



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# IMPORTANT INFORMATION!



This course is designed for the public **to raise awareness** about wildfire prevention, response, and recovery. It also covers important topics such as forest ecosystems and biodiversity. However, **completing this course does not qualify you for firefighting or first aid, such as CPR.** Engaging in such activities requires certified training by qualified experts, such as those from fire department services. Always **follow official guidelines** and seek professional instruction for emergency response skills.



Using a fire extinguisher properly is crucial for effectively putting out fires while ensuring safety. Here's a step-by-step guide on how to use one:



# IDENTIFY THE RIGHT TYPE OF FIRE EXTINGUISHER

First, you need to make sure that the fire extinguisher you plan to use is suitable for the type of fire you're dealing with:



# CLASS A

For ordinary combustibles like wood,  
paper, and cloth.



# CLASS B

For flammable liquids like gasoline, oil, and grease.



# CLASS C

For electrical fires.



# CLASS D

For fires involving flammable metals  
(common in industrial settings).





# CLASS K

For kitchen fires involving cooking oils  
and fats.



Most homes and offices use an ABC type, which is versatile enough for most situations except for Class D and K fires.



# REMEMBER THE PASS TECHNIQUE

Use the PASS technique to  
operate the extinguisher.



# PULL

Pull the pin at the top of the extinguisher, breaking the tamper seal.



# AIM

Aim the nozzle or hose at the base of the fire, standing approximately 2 to 3 meters away.



# SQUEEZE

Squeeze the handle to release the extinguishing agent.



# SWEEP

Sweep the nozzle from side to side, moving carefully toward the fire until it appears to be out. Keep an eye on the area in case the fire reignites



# SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

## Act quickly but safely

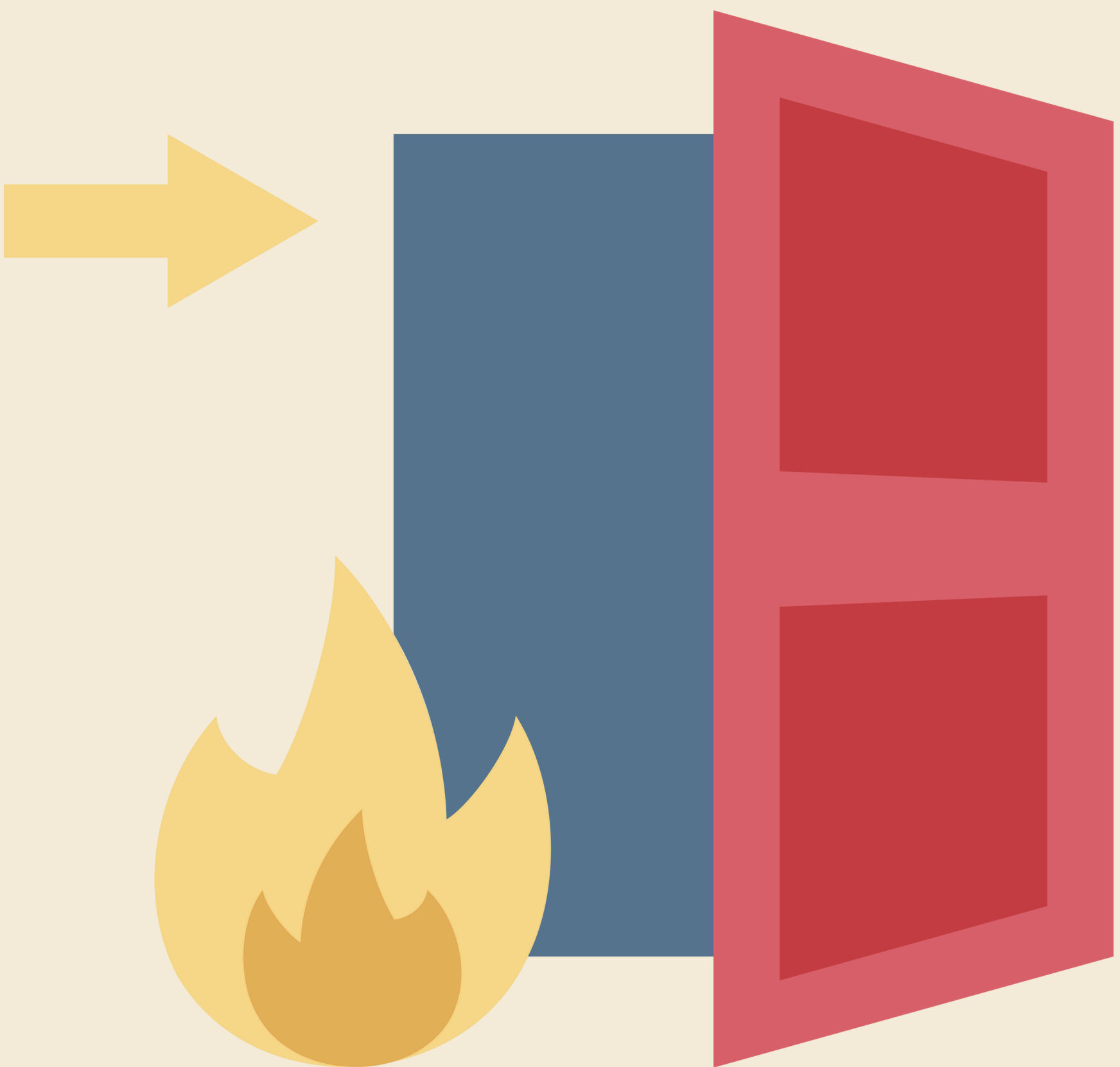
Always call the fire department immediately if the fire seems uncontrollable or if it's not extinguished after using the extinguisher.





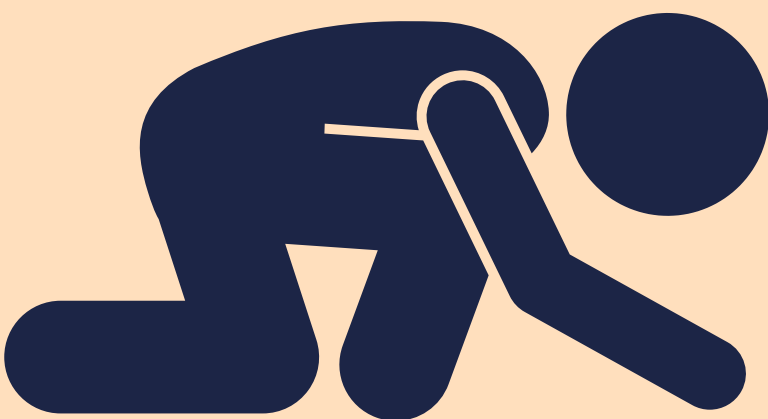
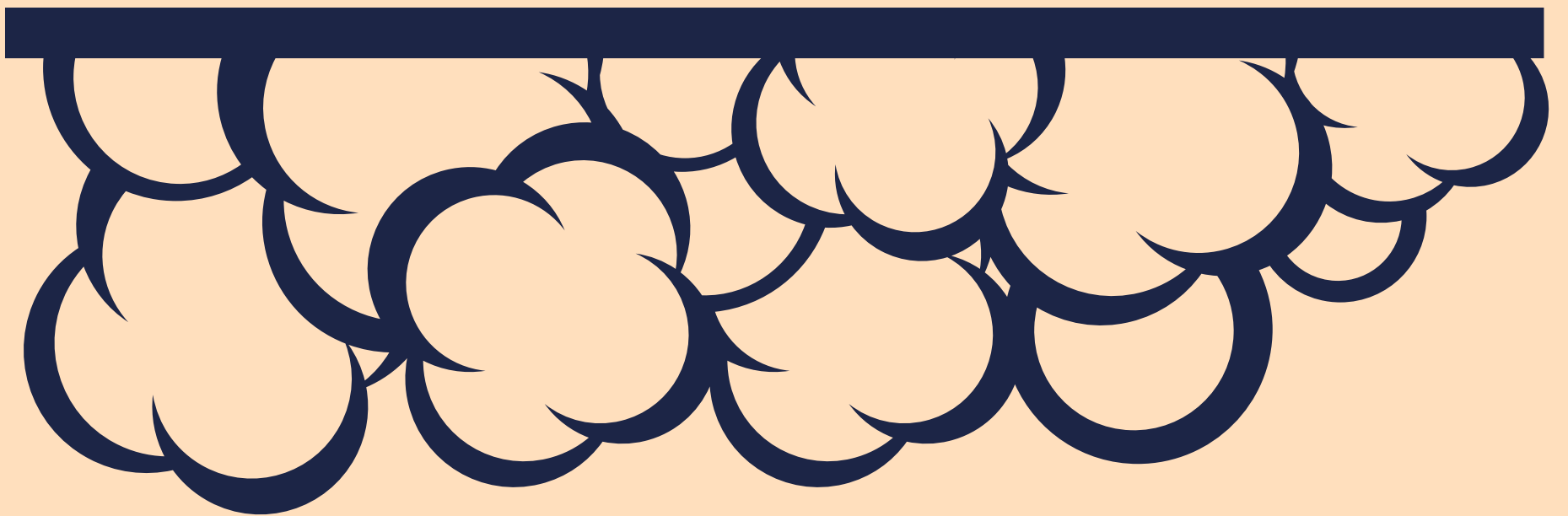
# Maintain an escape route

Never allow the fire to come between you and your escape route.



# Avoid smoke

Inhaling smoke can be deadly, so try to stay low if there is smoke and leave the area if it becomes too dense.



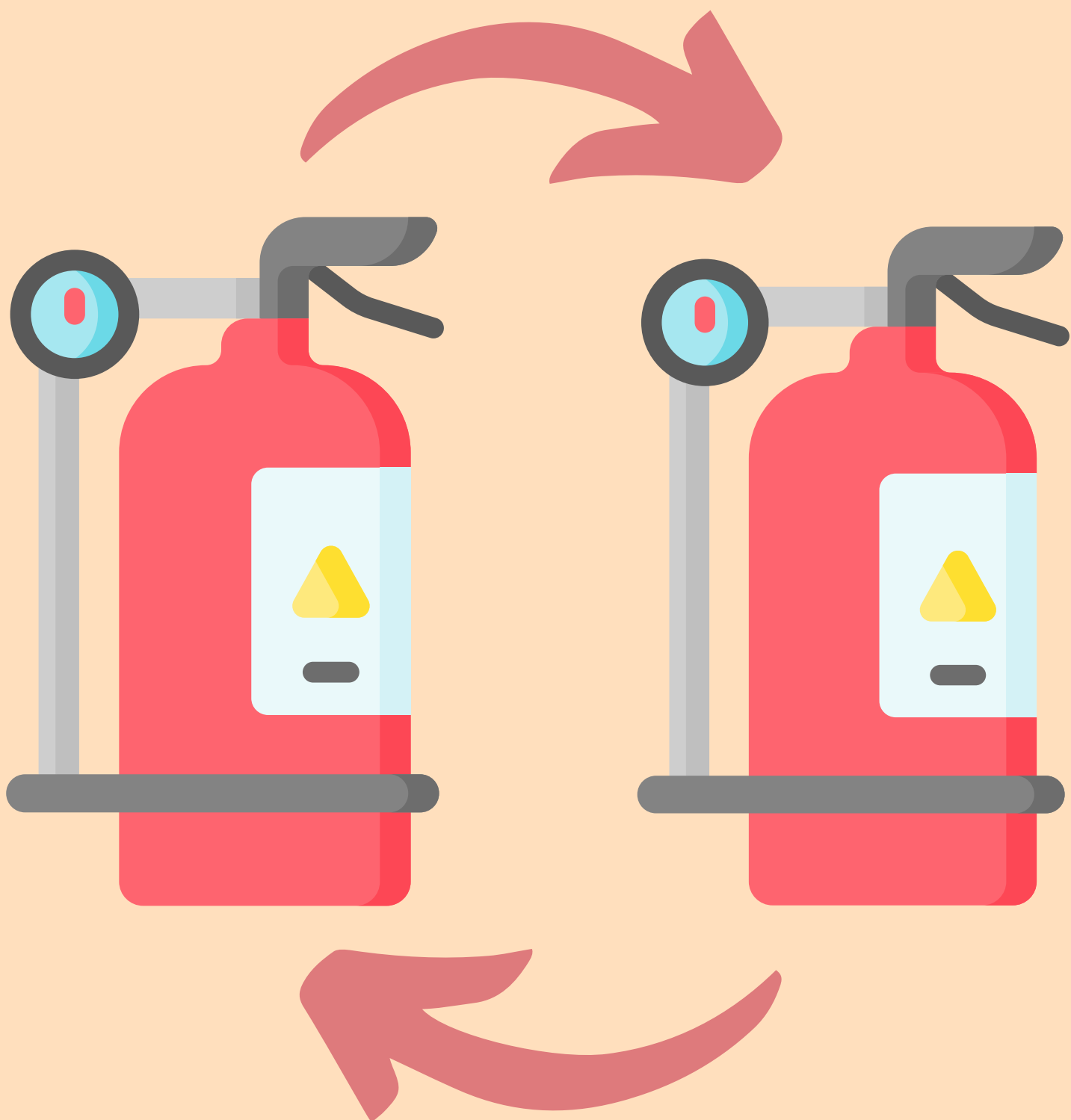
# Inspect the extinguisher

Before use, quickly check the extinguisher for visible damage, ensuring it's still pressurized and sealed.



# AFTER USE

Once a fire extinguisher has been used, even partially, it needs to be recharged or replaced. Never put back an extinguisher that has been used as it may not function properly in future emergencies.



# TRAINING AND FAMILIARIZATION

Familiarize yourself with the operation of a fire extinguisher if you have one at home or in your workplace. Many local fire departments offer training sessions.

