



Tasmania Fire Service

# Home Fire Safety

## FACT SHEET

## Fire extinguishers & fire blankets



**REMEMBER** – Saving lives through a quick escape is far more important than saving property.

You should be trained in the use of an extinguisher or fire blanket to use them safely and effectively.

**An emergency is not the time to read instructions.**

If you do not know how to use a fire extinguisher or fire blanket:

- 1. Get down, get low, get out** – smoke is poisonous, get underneath it on your hands and knees, and crawl to the nearest safe exit.
- 2.** Shut the doors behind you to stop the spread of fire.
- 3.** Shout **Fire! Fire! Fire!** to warn others.
- 4.** Ensure **everyone is out** of the building.
- 5. Get out and stay out – never go back inside.**
- 6.** Go to your **safe meeting place** – such as your letterbox.
- 7.** Call **triple zero '000'** from a mobile or a neighbour's phone.
- 8. Wait for the Fire Service to arrive.**

