# Spotlight on Safety

## Portable Fire Extinguisher Safety

Fires are among the deadliest workplace hazards. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, more than 1,200 fire-related injuries and 120 fire-related deaths occur in the workplace every year in the U.S.

Portable fire extinguishers are one of the most effective tools in ensuring a small fire doesn't turn into a major event. In fact, fire extinguishers effectively put out more than 80% of all fires, according to the Fire Extinguisher Trades Association. This is because most fires start small and can often be contained or extinguished if attacked in the early stages.

To keep you and the Northwestern community safe, fire extinguishers are located in every building and you should become familiar with their location in training at learn.northwestern.edu.

## Safety at Home

**Did you know?** Cooking, smoking, and portable heaters are the leading causes of fires in the home. Here are some tips to keep you and your family safe:

- Ensure that you have at least one working smoke alarm on every level of your home.