

PROPER USE OF A FIRE BLANKET

Fire blankets are a **quick use tool** to extinguish a stovetop or grill fire, to assist in gaining an escape, or if someone's clothing is on fire

All homes/office locations will have a fire blanket readily available. For Specialized Residential and SIL locations, the fire blanket is located under the kitchen sink; either hung in the inside of the cabinet door OR attached to the wall.

If staff are unable to use **quickly**, the first priority is to immediately evacuate the people supported if the fire is indoors!

**** Use a fire blanket on only a small flame, and only when you feel safe to do so. ****



HOW TO USE A FIRE BLANKET

- STEP 1**
Release the fire blanket
Remove the fire blanket by pulling down sharply on the tabs hanging from the bottom of the package.
- STEP 2**
Turn off the heat source
Turn off any heat source, such as a stove burner.
- STEP 3**
Protect yourself
Wrap someone whose clothes are burning in the fire blanket. Have the person stop, drop, and roll. Seek medical assistance.
- STEP 4**
Tackle the fire
Place the blanket over the fire. Leave the blanket in place for at least 30 minutes.
- STEP 5**
Call the fire department.
In there are any doubts, call the fire service brigade to handle the situation.

IMPORTANT: If using for a stovetop or grill fire, turn off the heat source first if it is safe to do so.

Before using the fire blanket, ensure that you have a clear evacuation path. If you cannot put out the fire, you'll need to make a safe exit.

1. Pull downwards simultaneously from the two black puller tabs at the bottom of the packaging to remove the blanket.
2. Unfold the fire blanket completely.
3. Using the puller tabs, fold the blanket corners over your hands while also turning the fire blanket inward putting the fire blanket in front of your body as a shield to protect from the fire.
4. Slowly walk towards the fire with your arms outstretched.
5. **Carefully cover the fire by placing the fire blanket over the flames or roll the affected person with the fire blanket.** If you are covering a pan, ensure that you turn the handle inward to prevent hitting the handle which could potentially spill the grease causing the fire to spread. Do not attempt to move the pan!
6. Do your best to form a seal to prevent oxygen from getting in to smother the fire. Do not remove the blanket as the fire could reignite.
7. Evacuate, stay out and contact 911. Even if successfully extinguishing the fire, firefighters will ensure the fire is fully out and that everyone is ok.
8. Leave the blanket in this position until it is cool. Don't remove the blanket for at least 20 minutes minimum.
9. Dispose of the blanket after use and replace it with a new one. The blankets cannot be reused.