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## Why is Fire Safety so Important?

Peach State fire is passionate about fire safety, and we know how important it is but do you? Do you know that "Every 23 seconds, a fire department in the United States responds to a fire somewhere in the nation. A fire occurs in a structure at the rate of one every 65 seconds, and a home fire occurs every 93 seconds" (Hall & Evarts, 2022).

This means that approximately 3,757 times a day a fire is reported or 157 fires per hour, and this is only fires that are reported. This does not include fires that happen and are not reported which might include minor fires in restaurants that are suppressed with fire extinguishers or home fires that are handled quickly and do not escalate to an emergency call.

We want to be clear that under no circumstances are we condoning not calling the fire department. They should always be the first call that you make as they are the only ones properly trained to extinguish a fire.

In 2021, "Local fire departments responded to 1,353,500 fires. These fires caused 3,800 civilian deaths, 14,700 civilian injuries and \$15.9 billion in property damage" (Hall & Evarts, 2022). These deaths and damages can be avoided by simply understanding fire safety and how to properly handle a fire situation.



If you are ever involved in a fire situation there are simple steps that you can follow to try and keep yourself and others safe from harm. The very first thing that you should do if there is ever a fire situation is to call the fire department emergency line and sound a building alarm if one is present.

After the alarm has been pulled and the fire department has been called you should identify the safest evacuation path from the building. You should pick an escape route that will not allow fire, heat, or smoke to come between you and this path. Once a clear path has been selected you can then identify the type of fire extinguisher needed in your particular situation.

This extinguisher should be discharged using the P.A.S.S. technique (more details on this can be found on our website). If the fire is extinguished, you should still back away in case the fire restarts again. Evacuate the building immediately if the fire is not extinguished after the extinguisher is discharged, or the fire progresses past a stage of controllability. Both of these cases should be handled by the fire department and trained professionals. If you have any doubts about your ability to fight the fire, then evacuate immediately.

For more information on how to use a fire extinguisher check out our fire training demos on our website or reach out to us for more information.

### References:

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**Employee Spotlight**  
*Mary Jane Bergin*  
**President & Owner**  
*Since 1984*

In 1984, Tom and Mary Jane Bergin started Peach State Fire and she has been going for 39 years strong, and she helped to grow the company to the success that it is today.

She is proud of the fact that we have been able to help and protect so many families. She strives to be the strongest person that she can be every day. When she lacked anyone to be inspired by, she made herself into that inspiration. She put in the hard work, day in and day out to become that person.

Mary Jane currently enjoys showing dalmatian dogs which is likely inspired by her history of showing jumping horses all around the country. She is currently enjoying the series Yellowstone and Heartland and hopes to one day travel to Japan.

There are no obstacles that have been put in her path that she hasn't overcome, and she has made some great friends along the way.

Amongst those is Randell McCollough, a previous PSF employee, naming him as someone who was both dependable and reliable. The fire extinguisher business is not an easy business to be in and after 29 years as our president & owner Mary Jane has led this team well. We thank her for all she has done and continues to do for Peach State Fire.

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# SERVICES

*A brief outline of the services that we offer.*



## FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

*We are a full-service fire extinguisher company who provides everything from sales and service to live fire trainings. We pride ourselves on our customer service and being one of the top companies in the state. Our technicians complete yearly training to stay up to date on the latest knowledge available on the market. From recharging to training we are a hands-on team that would love to teach you why fire extinguishers are so important. Next time you see one of our techs feel free to ask them any questions or give us a call and we would be happy to help you out. For a more extensive lesson on fire extinguishers schedule one of our training classes and use a fire extinguisher. There is no better training than first-hand experience and that is what you get during our training classes.*

## FIRE SUPPRESSION

*We have been and continue to be an industry leader in fire suppression system install and service. Pre-engineered fire suppression systems can be difficult to understand so allow us to help. These systems are used as an immediate response to a fire in the first few crucial minutes. Whether you have a dry chemical or wet chemical system is it important to understand how they operate. They are safe, nontoxic chemicals that activate automatically. There is no requirement for human intervention and thus injury. To fully understand a fire suppression system you must understand how they operate and what happens in the system. This information and so much more can be found on our website or by calling us.*



## HOOD CLEANING

*Hood cleaning is an important part of both health and safety and is often one of the most looked over parts of fire safety. The buildup of grease in a kitchen hood and exhaust fan can eventually catch fire that can cause severe damage or even total loss of property. For this reason, hoods and exhaust ventilation should be cleaned frequently and properly. By following a regular schedule, you will see an improvement in the amount of air that the exhaust fan is able to move out of the building. Meaning the air can be cleared of smoke and heat and this will better prevent overheating and smoke. At the end of the day keeping your hoods clean will cost money; however, will help to prevent equipment malfunctions and fires that could cost thousands to repair.*

