

HOW TO USE A FIRE BLANKET



1. **Assess & Turn Off Heat:**

Check if the fire is small enough for the blanket (e.g., in a pan). Turn off the stove or appliance if safe.

2. **Release Blanket:**

Pull the fabric tabs firmly to release the blanket from its container.

3. **Protect Hands:**

Wrap the top edge of the blanket around your hands to shield them from heat and flames.

4. **Shield & Cover:**

Hold the blanket in front of you as a shield and approach the fire. Gently place the blanket over the flames, starting from the edge closest to you, to smother the fire without pushing air into it.

5. **Leave it:**

Do not remove the blanket too soon; leave it in place for at least 15 minutes or until the area is completely cool to prevent re-ignition.

When to Use

Small kitchen fires (especially oil/fat fires), Clothing fires (wrap a person), and Small waste bin fires.

When NOT to Use

- Large fires.
- If you cannot turn off the heat source safely.
- If the fire is spreading rapidly or flames are bigger than the blanket. (Evacuate and call fire services).

Video on how to use a fire blanket :-

<https://youtu.be/aLL4ys-4Eq8>