We’ve all seen it in the movies: a bad guy wants to clear people out of a room, so he sets off the fire sprinklers with smoke from a cigar. In the real world that can’t happen.

A fire sprinkler is just a plug that holds back water until heat from a fire breaks a glass tube.

So when you see smoke setting off a fire sprinkler, you’ll know that the only one who’s all wet is the screenwriter.

Fire Sprinklers – Ask for Them