

FIRE Safety First!

- Practice fire prevention.
- Install and maintain fire extinguishers.
- Learn to operate extinguishers properly.
- Remember that extinguishers have limits.
- When in doubt, get out and leave the firefighting to the professionals.



What's the Word?

Pull

Pull the safety pin at the top of the extinguisher. (Some units have latches or levers instead.)

Aim

Aim the nozzle, horn, or hose at the base of the flames. Hold the extinguisher vertically to ensure the unit will have enough pressure.

Squeeze

Squeeze or press the handle to release the extinguishing agent. Always read manufacturer's directions for your particular model.

Sweep

Sweep from side to side at the base of the fire and at least six inches past the edges of the flames until completely extinguished.

To use an extinguisher safely, stand six to eight feet from the fire with your back to an unblocked exit and use the **PASS** procedure.

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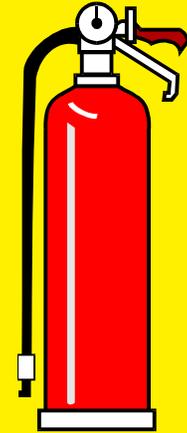
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FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

A

TRASH
WOOD
PAPER

B

LIQUIDS
GREASE

C

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

D

COMBUSTIBLE METALS

Taking **AIM** Against Fires

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Improving Your Fire Extinguisher Know-How is as Easy as

A,

TRASH ■ WOOD ■ PAPER



Type A extinguishers fight ordinary combustibles such as burning wood, cloth, paper, rubber, upholstery, and plastics.

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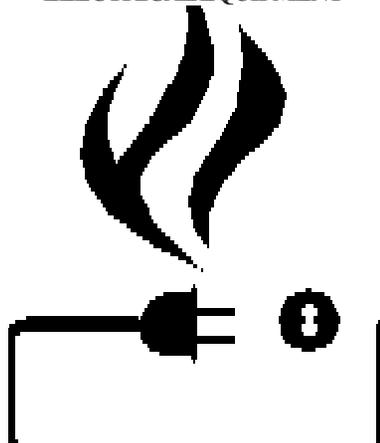
LIQUIDS ■ GREASE



Type B extinguishers fight flammable liquids, gases and greases such as oils, paints, and gasoline.

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ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT



Type C extinguishers fight energized electrical fires such as burning wires, fuse boxes, circuit breakers, machinery, and appliances.

and

D

COMBUSTIBLE METALS



Type D extinguishers are used on fires caused by combustible metals such as magnesium, sodium, potassium, and aluminum. Type D extinguishers must match the type of metal that is burning for safety and maximum effectiveness. A list of metals that match the unit's extinguishing agent should be on the label.

What's Your Type?

A fire extinguisher is your best defense against small, contained fires that have just begun to burn. Extinguishers can control flames until the fire department arrives, and buy you enough time to get out of a burning structure.

Every type of extinguisher is designed to fight a certain class or classes of fire. There are four classes which are determined by the type of fuel. Learning to identify these classes will help you select the right fire extinguisher. Using the wrong type of fire extinguisher can cause a fire to spread and place you in greater danger.

Close to a Location Near You

Keep extinguishers close to high-traffic areas, in easy-to-access locations. Place extinguishers on wall brackets no higher than five feet from the floor. Install them near exits and hazard areas.

It's about Time

Acting fast can make the difference between a small fire and one that consumes your whole building. Before fighting a fire, be certain that everyone has been alerted to the fire and is leaving the building, and that the fire department has been called. Fight the fire only if the fire is small and contained, a correct type of extinguisher is within easy reach, and you are near a clear exit in case you need to escape.

There are also multipurpose fire extinguishers that can be used on types A, B, and C classes of fire. Select the most appropriate types of fire extinguishers for your needs, and learn which type of extinguisher can be used on each class of fire.

Ready for Inspection

After each use, have rechargeable units serviced and replace disposable models immediately. Check pressure gauges and carbon dioxide containers monthly. Inspect all containers on a regular basis looking for damage, corrosion or tampering. Make sure extinguishers are easy to remove from hooks or wall brackets. Maintain inspection records of usage and service. Records are helpful after a fire to prove to insurance companies that extinguishers were all serviced and in working order.

For more information on fire extinguishers contact the Fire Prevention Office at 503-742-2660.