

# FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

## DO YOU KNOW?

### What's Up with Fire Extinguishers...

#### WHY DO WE HAVE TO BE TRAINED ON THE PROPER USE OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS?

•It goes without saying that the best way to handle a fire is to avoid one in the first place. But, you need to know how to deal with an accidental fire as well as how to keep one from starting.

#### WHAT SAFETY HABITS SHOULD YOU FOLLOW?

- We are asking YOU to keep your work areas clean and clutter free.
- Know how to properly handle and store chemicals.
- Know what you are expected to do in case of an emergency-
- IF A FIRE STARTS.. Call professionals help immediately; don't let a fire get out of control (at work & at home).
- Know what chemicals you are working with- you may have to advise fire fighters on the scene of a chemical fire concerning the type of hazardous substances involved. Remember, MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheets) are available for your reference.
- We ask that you remain calm and alert during any emergency. If you panic, you are of no use to yourself or anyone else.



## What to Do...

#### WHEN A FIRE STARTS...

Think only of your safety and the safety of others. When a fire is out of control, or you don't know what is burning, or you have not been trained to use extinguishers, sound the fire alarm, then call for emergency help from a safe location.

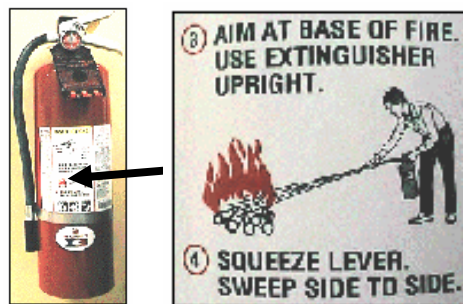
#### WHEN SHOULD YOU TRY TO FIGHT A FIRE?

Fight a fire only in these situations:

- When everyone is evacuating the building.
- When the fire department has already been called.
- When the fire is small enough and confined to the immediate area where it started.
- When you can fight the fire with your back to a safe escape route.
- When the fire extinguisher is rated for the type of fire you are fighting.
- When the fire extinguisher is large enough for the fire; is nearby; fully charged; and is in good working order.

#### HOW SHOULD YOU USE THE EXTINGUISHER?

To use our school ABC fire extinguishers, hold extinguisher upright, pull the pin, stand back from the fire base about 8-10 feet, aim the nozzle at the base of the fire, squeeze the trigger lever, and sweep the fire from side to side.



*~Pull pin, Aim at base, Squeeze trigger lever, & Sweep base of fire~*

*Any More Questions?  
Please, Just Ask!*

## What Should You Know?...

#### SOME FIRE EXTINGUISHER TIPS...

- You should only attempt to use a fire extinguisher if you have been trained (attended hands-on or classroom training) to do so. Trying to be a hero is not worth it if you lose your life or someone else's as a result.
- When fighting the fire, do not aim high at the flames, you won't put out the fire. Aim at the base & sweep side to side.
- Remember, fire extinguishers have a limited operation time (about 8-15 seconds), so you have to act fast and spray correctly.
- Be aware of smoke and noxious fumes. These can enter the lungs and leave you unconscious. Stay low, and be aware of your own needs. Often, the fumes can kill you before the fire has a chance to.
- Think smart.. When in doubt, leave it to the pros.
- October is Fire Prevention Month. Take time to find out what you can do to make our workplace safer.
- OUR EXTINGUISHERS.. Classified as ABC type extinguishers.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER squeeze trigger which releases contents after safety pin has been pulled out.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER pressure gauge. If this is green, then pressure is good. If red, then extinguisher needs to be recharged.

#### FIRE EXTINGUISHER Instructions.

Read and follow these for the classifications of fires to be put out:

- Class A- Ordinary Combustibles
- Class B- Flammable Liquids
- Class C- Electrical

FIRE EXTINGUISHER Discharge Nozzle.

