

Fire Extinguishers

Safety Training Handout

Extinguishers are classed by the type fire they can put out. Some extinguishers are **Combination** types that can be used on several different types of fires

Using a Fire Extinguisher

P-A-S-S

Pull the pin

Aim at base of fire

Squeeze the handle

Sweep from side to side



Types of Fires

Class A

Combustible material such as paper and wood

Class B

Fires involving flammable liquids such as gasoline, paint, diesel fuel or solvents

Class C

Fires started in electrical equipment by arching or overheating

Class D

Fires involving combustible metal powders, flakes or shavings

Smart Safety Rules

Stand 6 to 8 feet away from the fire

Use an extinguisher **ONLY** if you have been trained to use it.

Fire Extinguishers are for small fires in the early stages.

Know where fire extinguishers are located

Never place a pressurized fire extinguisher upright unless you are holding it - if it falls over the nozzle can break off

All fire extinguishers should have an inspection tag and a trigger seal and a pin

After use, do not put a fire extinguishers back on its mounting – it must be refilled before being returned to its location