



## REFRESHER TRAINING

## TOPIC: FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

### INTRODUCTION:

1. Review any accidents or “near misses” from the past week.
2. Describe the hazards of the toolbox training topic as it relates to your project or workplace. Explain or demonstrate the safest way to do the job.

Almost all fires are small in their early stage and can be put out quickly if the proper fire extinguisher is available and the person who discovered the fire is trained to use the fire extinguisher. The class of an extinguisher, identified on its nameplate, corresponds to the class or classes of fire the extinguisher controls.

- Class A Fires: Wood, paper, trash, and other materials that have glowing embers when they burn. Extinguisher to Use: For Class A fires use a Class A or Class ABC extinguisher.
- Class B Fires: These are fires involving flammable liquids and gases, such as gasoline, solvents, paint thinners, grease, LPG, and acetylene. Extinguisher to Use: Use Class B or Class ABC extinguishers.
- Class C Fires: These are fires in energized electrical equipment. Extinguisher to Use: Use a Class BC or Class ABC extinguisher.

### SAFE PRACTICES:

- Always use the fire extinguisher that’s class corresponds to the class of the fire. *Never use a Class A extinguisher, which contains water or foam, on a liquid or electrical fire.*
- Always know where extinguishers are located and how to use them.
- Keep a fully charged fire extinguisher in every piece of heavy, mobile equipment.
- Use the PASS process when discharging a fire extinguisher.
  - **P**ull the pin
  - **A**im at the base of the fire
  - **S**queeze the top handle or lever
  - **S**weep from side to side
- Keep the area around the fire extinguisher clear for easy access.
- Fire extinguishers should be wall mounted in a highly visible area. If it is not visible, signs should be posted so people can find the extinguisher quickly in an emergency.
- All fire extinguishers must be hydrostatically tested by the vendor on an annual basis and must be visually inspected monthly; date & initial the inspection tags.
- When inspecting extinguishers look for cracked hoses, cylinder damage, plugged nozzles and corrosion. Also ensure fire extinguisher is fully charged.





**TRAINING RECORD**

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**TOOLBOX TOPIC: FIRE EXTINGUISHERS**

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I certify that this training has been completed.

Trainer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_