

Fire Extinguishers

1. BASIC INSPECTION OF A FIRE EXTINGUISHER

- Check its LOCATION
 - Is it PHYSICALLY there?
 - Is it the PROPER extinguisher for the hazard?
- Can I get to it?
 - Can I get to it NOW?
 - Can I get to it at the time of FIRE?
- How many extinguishers do we have?
- How many different types do we have?
- Every time you pass an extinguisher LOOK AT IT!

2. WHAT TO CHECK FOR

- PHYSICAL damage
 - Rust and dents
 - Hoses for cracks and cuts
 - Nozzles for damage and free of obstructions
- NOW is the time to read the extinguisher
 - Class of fire
 - What is my extinguishing agent?
 - ABC Dry Power
 - Can the Power harm me?
 - No Dry Power is biodegradable

3. When you discover a Fire

- Call 911
- Give the Address
- Try to give the Class of fire (ordinary combustibles, flammable liquids or electrical)
- Give the Life safety (is anybody trapped)
- Try to estimate the Size of the FIRE
- If you do not feel comfortable using the Fire Extinguisher
- GET OUT

4. Activating a Fire Extinguisher

- Check for pin and seal
- Check gauge
- Lift to feel weight
- Carry to fire
- Operate as designed (PASS method)



PASS method

- PULL the pin
- AIM the nozzle
- SQUEEZE the handle all the way
- SWEEP the fire at its base

When using a FIRE EXTINGUISHER

Always keep yourself between the door (EXIT) and the FIRE

A 10 lb Fire Extinguisher has a reach of 5 to 20 feet and will only last for 10 to 40 seconds

If you are uncomfortable with fire

GET OUT
PROPERTY IS NOT
WORTH A LIFE

A COPY OF THIS SHOULD BE POSTED BY EACH FIRE EXTINGUISHER