



SAFETY TALK

Fire extinguishers

What's the danger?

Un-serviced or faulty fire extinguishers can present a hazard as they may not work when needed.

Not having the right class of fire extinguishers is dangerous as they are classified according to their capacity to fight specific kinds of fires.

How to protect yourself

Any worker that may be required to use a fire extinguisher must be trained on its use.

Fire extinguishers must be:

- Inspected regularly
- Accessible
- Promptly refilled after use

Fire extinguishers should be located:

- Wherever flammable materials are stored, handled or used
- Where temporary oil-fired or gas-fired equipment is being used
- Where welding or open-flame cutting is being done

Fire extinguisher classifications:

Class A – for fires in ordinary combustible materials such as wood and paper where you need a quenching, cooling effect

Class B – for flammable liquid and gas fires such as oil, gasoline, paint and grease where you need oxygen exclusion or flame interruption

Class C – for fires involving electrical wiring and equipment where you need a non-conductive extinguishing agent

Class D – for fires in combustible metals such as sodium, magnesium and potassium

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Date: _____

Performed by: _____

Concerns:

Employee Name:

Supervisor: _____

Location: _____

Corrective Actions:

Employee Signature:

