

# Fire extinguisher use

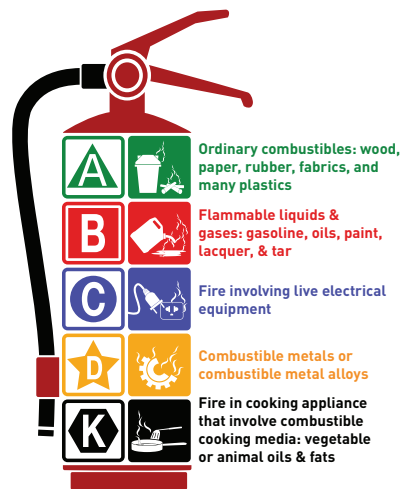
## Key takeaways:

- **Type A extinguishers:** ordinary fires, such as paper and wood
- **Type B extinguishers:** flammable liquids
- **Type C extinguishers:** electrical
- **Type D extinguishers:** flammable metals
- To operate a fire extinguisher, remember "PASS":
  - Pull the pin.
  - Aim the nozzle.
  - Squeeze the trigger.
  - Sweep the stream toward the base of the fire.
- Document monthly fire extinguisher inspections on an attached tag.

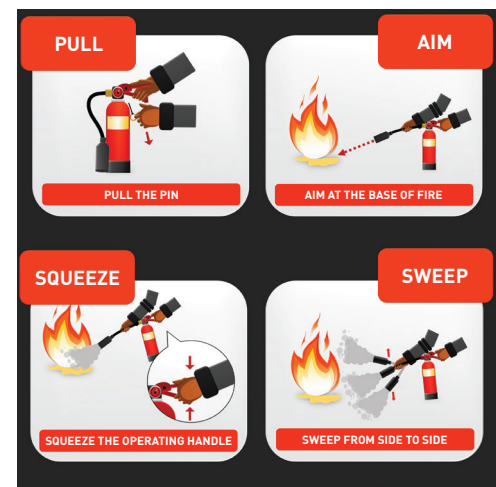
It is critical to know where the nearest fire extinguishers are located so they can be quickly accessed in an emergency.

Do not expect employees to use a fire extinguisher in the event of a small fire in its early stages, unless they have been trained.

Before using an extinguisher, confirm the correct type of fire based on hazards in your work area.



There are four very basic steps to extinguishing a fire.



Fire extinguishers should be inspected monthly to confirm adequate pressure (gauge in the green zone), the pin is in place, and it is stored off the floor in a marked location. Initial and date the monthly inspection of each extinguisher on an attached tag. If an extinguisher has been used, never return it to its original location until it has been refilled and pressurized, or replaced with a new extinguisher.

## Take action (Complete one or more activities as a team)

- FIELD TRIP:** Locate the closest fire extinguisher to your team's location. Confirm that it's ready for use.
- PRACTICE:** If facilities permit, practice using a fire extinguisher on a mock fire, using the PASS system.
- EQUIPMENT REVIEW:** Review your facility's materials and confirm your fire extinguishers are the correct type to put out a fire.

