



Facts About Fire Extinguishers

Fire extinguishers are great for putting out small fires—but only if you use the right one. The wrong extinguisher can make a fire worse. There are five kinds of fire extinguishers.



Class A

Green label—for fires involving:

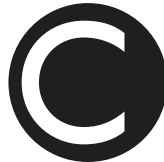
- ✓ wood
- ✓ paper
- ✓ cloth
- ✓ trash



Class B

Red label—for fires involving:

- ✓ gasoline
- ✓ solvents
- ✓ vapors
- ✓ gas leaks



Class C

Blue label—for electrical fires



Class D

Yellow label—for fires involving combustible metals such as:

- ✓ magnesium
- ✓ sodium
- ✓ potassium
- ✓ sodium potassium alloys

Which fire extinguisher would you use for the following situations?

- 1) A greasy towel catches on fire.
- 2) A wornout electrical cord causes a fire that spreads to a box of paper towels.
- 3) Heat from the stove ignites a solvent.
- 4) Fuel burns on a wooden floor.
- 5) Trash burns in a metal wastebasket.

Answers: 1) A; 2) ABC; 3) B; 4) B; 5) A

Do you know where fire extinguishers are located in your workplace?

Do you know what types of fire extinguishers are in your workplace?

Do you know how to use a fire extinguisher?