

PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHER TYPES AND USE

Before you ever use a portable fire extinguisher, you better know the extinguisher to use for each fire class:

- A. for fires involving combustibles like wood or paper
- B. for flammable liquids and gases
- C. for fires where electricity may be present
- D. for combustible metals like magnesium

Fire extinguishers are labeled for use on either a single class of fire (A) or (D), or for multiple classes fires (BC), or (ABC). Only trained employees should use fire extinguishers.

Use the **PASS** method when using a fire extinguisher:

- P** -- Pull the pin
- A** -- Aim hose at the base of the fire
- S** -- Squeeze the trigger
- S** -- Sweep back and forth with the extinguisher

Remember these firefighting tips:

- ✓ Most fire extinguishers are emptied in less than a minute.
- ✓ Do not attempt to fight a large fire.
- ✓ Always call the fire department when a fire breaks out.
- ✓ Always leave yourself a way out--keep your back to an exit.