

The ABCs of Fire Extinguisher Safety



WHEN IN DOUBT, GET OUT!
Most workplace fires should be handled by trained firefighters. If a fire doesn't go out immediately, evacuate the area and sound the alarm.

- Fire extinguishers are labeled to correspond to different classes of fires. To avoid potentially spreading the fire while trying to extinguish it, remember the ABCs:
- A** **CLASS A** fires involve paper, cardboard, wood, trash, rags or cloth.
 - B** **CLASS B** fires involve grease, gasses or flammable liquids such as gasoline, oil, solvents and paint.
 - C** **CLASS C** fires involve electrical equipment and wiring. Water-based extinguishers, such as A extinguishers, should never be used on an electrical fire!
 - D** **CLASS D** fires are combustible metal fires, such as those involving aluminum, sodium, magnesium or zinc.
 - K** **CLASS K** fires are wet-chemical fires, such as cooking-oil fires.

ABC Extinguishers

Multipurpose extinguishers can be used for Class A, B or C fires, as well as for combination fires. If there is a red slash through a letter or symbol, don't use that extinguisher on that type of fire.

Remember to PASS

