

# Fire Extinguishers

Extinguishers are classified by the type of fire they can put out. Some extinguishers are **combination types** that can be used on several different types of fires while others are made for specific types (like Class K extinguishers for oil fires). Make sure that your fire extinguisher right kind for what you need!

## Class A



Combustible material like paper and wood

## Class B



Flammable liquids such as gasoline, paint, diesel fuel or solvents

## Class C



Fires started in electrical equipment by arcing or overheating

## Class D



Combustible metal powders, flakes or shavings

## Fire Extinguisher DOs and DON'Ts

- DO stand 6 to 8 feet away from the fire
- DO use an extinguisher ONLY if you have been trained to use it
- DO use a fire extinguishers for small fires in the early stages
- DO know where fire extinguishers are located
- DO check that all fire extinguishers have an inspection tag and a trigger seal with a pin
- DON'T place a pressurized fire extinguisher upright unless you are still holding it (if it falls, the nozzle can break off)
- DON'T put a fire extinguisher back in it's place after it has been used; it needs to be refilled first

## When in doubt remember PASS!

**P**ull the pin

**A**im at the base of the fire

**S**queeze the handle

**S**weep from side to side

