



Fire Extinguisher Safety and Compliance

FIRE FACTS

Fact 1

Employee Protection

Employees are 75% more likely to be first responders to a fire not Management.

Fact 2

In the United States every 32 minutes some is injured in a fire .

Fact 3

Each year, fire kills more Americans than all natural disasters combined

Fact 4

Men die or are injured in fires almost twice as often as women



OSHA States:

Employers shall train workers about fire hazards in the workplace and about what to do in a fire emergency. If you want your workers to evacuate, you should train them on how to escape. If you expect your workers to use firefighting equipment, you should give them appropriate equipment and train them to use the equipment safely.

Fire protection is often overlook as an intergral part of safety at a company. Why is this? It may be because we typically comply with having fire extinguishers around the building but often times take for granted that if something happens we will know the proper way to use them, or that they infact will be effective against our fire and its fuel. Lets take a basic look into fire safety at work and how we can comply with rules and regulations that help us protect our most important resource, Our Employees!

Class A fire extinguishers are water extinguishers and are designed for fires involving paper, wood, cardboard and plastic.

Class B extinguishers work on fires caused by flammable or combustibile fluids such as oil, kerosene, grease and gasoline.

Class C fire extinguishers are designed for fires involving electrical equipment.

Class D fires involve combustibile metals, typically in chemical laboratories.

Dry chemical fire extinguishers can be used for fires in class **A, B and C**. The dry chemicals are foam or powder of sodium bicarbonate, potassium bicarbonate or mono-ammonium phosphate.



Training and Comprehension is a key element in your Safety Program. Incipient fire training is a requirement from Federal OSHA and is a simple way to ensure that if a fire breaks out in your place of employment you can have the best chance of extinguishing that fire. By covering the information below you can give your employees a good idea of when, and how to handle a situation with a fire. First guideline is that you must designate when an employee is allow to fight a fire. From that point a good method is using the PASS method. POINT. AIM. SQUEEZE and SWEEP.

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