

# Fire Extinguishers—Types and Uses

## Types of Fire Extinguishers

### Class A

- Use on fires involving paper, cloth, trash, wood, and other ordinary combustibles.
- Note the numbers: The higher the number, the larger the fire area it can handle.
- Be careful not to blow burnables and create a larger fire.

### Class B

- Use on fires involving gases and flammable liquids such as grease, oil paint, or solvents.
- Note the numbers: They tell the square foot area of fire the extinguisher can handle.

### Class C

- Use on fires involving or surrounding electrical equipment.
- **NEVER USE WATER ON THESE FIRES!**

### Class D

- Use on combustible metal fires.

### Class K

- Use on cooking oil fires.
- **NEVER USE WATER ON THESE FIRES!**



## Know How to Use a Fire Extinguisher Properly

Stand about 8 feet from the fire, and:

- **PULL** the pin.
- **AIM** at the base of the fire.
- **SQUEEZE** the trigger.
- **SWEEP** the nozzle back and forth.

**If the fire looks too big, sound the alarm, and let trained firefighters handle it.**

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