

## Fire Extinguishers

One of the quickest ways to lose a job is allow a fire to start. Sometimes fires do start and it then becomes a matter of putting the fire out as soon as possible. The best way is to use a fire extinguisher.

### Guide for Discussion

#### *Care and Use*

- Be sure the fire extinguishers are charged, strategically located and ready for use.
- Everyone has a responsibility to check to see that fire extinguishers and fire hoses (as well as other dispensing components) are not blocked.

#### *Common Types of Extinguishers*

- Class A Fires: Rubbish, paper, scrap, scrap lumber. Use soda acid and pressurized extinguishers or water through use of a hose or pump type water can.
- Class B Fires: Flammable liquids, oil, grease. Use carbon dioxide, dry chemical or foam extinguishers. Do not use water on these types of fires.
- Class C Fires: Electrical in nature. Use carbon dioxide or dry chemical extinguisher. Do not use foam or water composition extinguishers.

#### Additional Discussion Notes:

Discuss who is responsible to insure fire extinguishers are charged, strategically located and ready for use.

Discuss what class of fires your company is generally exposed to.

Discuss the location of fire extinguishers.

Remember: The quickest way to put out a fire may not always be the best way.

Attendees:

NOTE: Always promote a discussion on any of the topics covered in the Tool Box Talks. Should any question arise that you cannot answer, don't hesitate to contact your Employer.