

FIRE SAFETY TRAINING

How to Use a Fire Extinguisher — Delegate Handout

THE P.A.S.S. TECHNIQUE — STEP BY STEP

P

PULL — REMOVE THE SAFETY PIN

Pull the safety pin from the handle to break the tamper seal. This unlocks the operating lever and allows you to discharge the extinguisher. Hold the extinguisher upright.



A

AIM — POINT AT THE BASE OF THE FIRE

Aim the nozzle or hose at the **BASE** of the fire — not at the flames themselves. Targeting the fuel source is the only way to effectively extinguish the fire. Stand 2–3 metres back.



S

SQUEEZE — SQUEEZE THE HANDLE

Squeeze the lever above the handle firmly and steadily to discharge the extinguishing agent. Release to stop. Keep a firm grip and stay in control. Most extinguishers discharge in 10–30 seconds.



S

SWEEP — SWEEP SIDE TO SIDE

Sweep the nozzle from side to side at the base of the fire until it is fully extinguished. Watch carefully for re-ignition. Back away slowly — never turn your back on a fire.



FIRE EXTINGUISHER TYPES



Water

Class A fires only (wood, paper, textiles)



CO₂

Electrical fires & Class B (flammable liquids)



Foam

Class A & B fires. Do NOT use on electrical



Powder

Class A, B, C fires. Poor visibility when used



Wet Chemical

Class F fires only (cooking oils & fats)

BEFORE YOU ATTEMPT TO FIGHT A FIRE

- ▶ Raise the alarm first — always alert others before attempting to fight
- ▶ Ensure you have a clear escape route behind you at all times
- ▶ Only tackle small, contained fires — never risk your safety
- ▶ Check the extinguisher is the correct type for the fire class
- ▶ Never use water or foam on electrical equipment

WHEN NOT TO FIGHT THE FIRE

- ▶ The fire is larger than a waste paper bin in size
- ▶ The fire is spreading rapidly or producing thick smoke
- ▶ You do not have the correct type of extinguisher
- ▶ Your escape route is blocked or unclear
- ▶ You are not confident or trained in extinguisher use