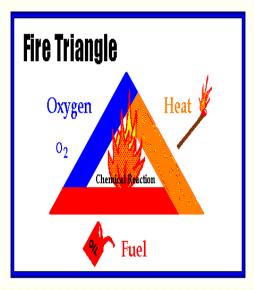


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## **Objectives**

- · Understand basic firefighting concepts:
  - -R.A.C.E.
  - -P.A.S.S.
- · Know what to do if you find a fire
- Be able to correctly and safely select and use a fire extinguisher

#### How Does a Fire Work?



- · Three components
- Need all three components to start a fire
- Fire extinguishers remove one or more of the components

## Class A Ordinary Combustibles

- · Trash
- · Wood
- · Cloth
- · Paper
- · Rubber
- · Plastics





## Class B Flammable Liquids

- · Gasoline
- · Oil
- · Grease
- · Tar
- · Oil-based paint
- · Lacquer
- · Flammable gases





#### Class C Electrical

· Energized electrical equipment



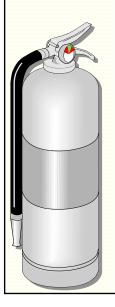


#### Class D Combustible Metals

- · Magnesium
- · Sodium
- · Potassium
- · Titanium
- · Zirconium
- · Other flammable metals



## Fire Extinguisher Types PRESSURIZED WATER

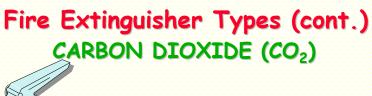








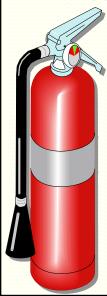
- · Class "A" fires only.
- 2.5 gal. water approximately 1 minute discharge time
- · Range 30 40 feet





- Class "B" or "C" fires
- · 2.5-100 lb. 8 30 seconds discharge time
- · Range 3-8 ft.

## Fire Extinguisher Types (cont.) MULTIPURPOSE DRY CHEMICAL





· Class "A", "B", or "C" fires





- 2.5-20 lb. dry chemical 8-25 seconds discharge time
- Range 5-20 ft.

# Fire Extinguisher Types (cont.) HALON



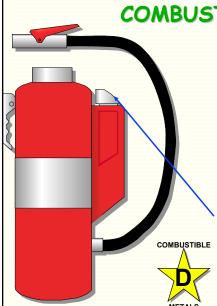






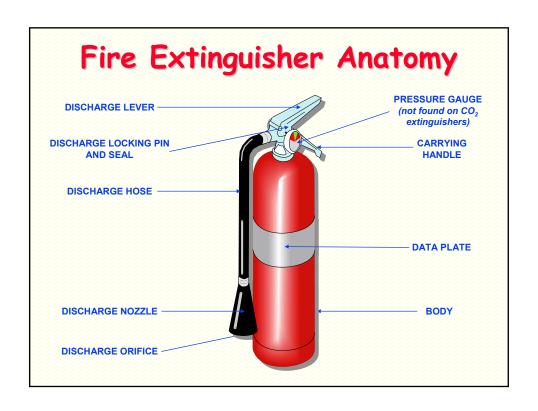
- · Class "A", "B", or "C" fires
- 9-17 lb. Halon 1211 8-18 seconds discharge time
- Range 9-16 ft.
- · Fumes toxic if inhaled
- · Halon is no longer manufactured

# Fire Extinguisher Types (cont.) COMBUSTIBLE METAL



- · Class "D" combustible metal fires only.
- 30 lb. pressurized dry powder optimized for specific combustible metal
- · Range 6-8 ft.
- To activate, must first open nitrogen cylinder on back to pressurize body

Extinguisher Types Summary		
EXTINGUISHER TYPE	WORKS BY	EFFECTIVE AGAINST
PRESSURIZED WATER	COOLING	<b>A</b>
CARBON DIOXIDE	SMOTHERING	B 2 6
MULTIPURPOSE DRY CHEMICAL	SMOTHERING	
COMBUSTIBLE METAL	SMOTHERING	D



#### Fire Emergency Response Procedures



Rescue





<u>A</u>larm



<u>Contain</u>



Extinguish



#### Before you fight the fire

- · Ensure area is evacuated
- · <u>Always</u> sound the alarm <u>regardless</u> of fire size
- Know locations of extinguishers in your area and how to use them
- Know department emergency procedures and evacuation routes

#### Criteria for fighting the fire

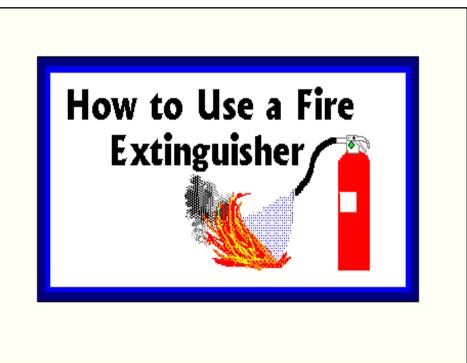
- · Fire is small and contained
- You have safe egress (EXIT)
   route (can be reached without
   exposure to fire)
- · Available extinguishers are rated for size and type of fire

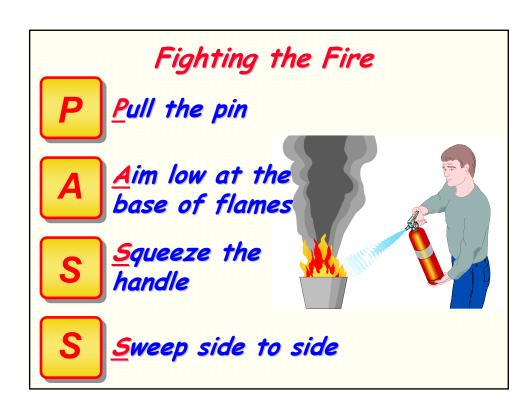
### When fighting the fire remember

- To keep an exit to your back
- · When the fire extinguisher is empty Get out!
- · When you leave the building do not go back in!

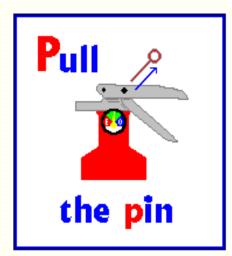
## When not to fight a fire when

- · Fire has spread beyond its point of origin
- Your escape path is threatened
- · The area is smoke filled
- · Your instincts tell you GET OUT





#### P.A.S.S. Method



Pull the pin

This will allow you to squeeze the handle in order to discharge the extinguisher.

#### P.A.S.S. Method



Aim at the base of the fire

Aiming at the middle will do no good.

The agent will pass through the flames.

#### P.A.S.S. Method



Squeeze the handle

This will release the pressurized extinguishing agent.

#### P.A.S.S. Method



Sweep side to side

Cover the entire area that is on fire.
Continue until fire is extinguished. Keep an eye on the area for re-lighting.

## Summary

- · Fire Triangle (Combustion Process)
- · Class A, B, C, D, fires
- Types of portable fire extinguishers
- · Basic firefighting concepts:
  - R.A.C.E.
  - -P.A.S.S.
- · Before you fight the fire
- · Criteria for fighting the fire
- · When not to fight a fire