

FIRE EXTINGUISHER USE

This section is written as a general explanation on the operation of portable fire extinguishers. Portable fire extinguishers are to be used ONLY by personnel trained in their use. If you have not been trained on this equipment, DO NOT USE IT!!!!

Fire extinguishers are rated by the type of fire that they are designed to extinguish. The following is the classification of the four basic types of fires.

- Class A Fire - Fires involving ordinary combustible materials such as woods, cloth, paper, rubber and many plastics.
- Class B Fire - Fires involving flammable liquids and gases.
- Class C Fire - Fires involving energized electrical equipment.
- Class D Fire - Fires involving combustible metals.

Class D fires are not often found in the commercial office environment. Therefore the primary emphasis is on the Class A through C fires.

The type fire extinguisher installed in this building is a Type ABC Dry Chemical, which can be used on virtually all fire except combustible metals. These extinguishers are located in the public space adjacent to the exit stair.

The instruction for use of this extinguisher, which are found printed on each extinguisher, are as follows:

1. Pull ring pin.
2. Stand back 8 feet from fire.
3. Aim extinguisher nozzle at base of fire.
4. Squeeze discharge lever, and sweep nozzle side to side.