Fire Extinguishers: Choosing the Right One



All fires aren't the same. Be sure to use the right extinguisher for the right fire. The wrong extinguisher can make the fire worse!

Read the label on the extinguisher. There are four kinds...



Type A (green label), for fires involving:



paper

d cloth

mubbish rubbish



Type B (red label), for fires involving flammable gases/liquids, including:

gasoline

solvents

wapors

gas leaks



Type C (blue label), for:

electrical fires



Type D (yellow label), for fires involving combustible metals, such as:

magnesium

sodium sodium

potassium

sodium potassium alloys

Be prepared. Don't wait for a fire to start before you find out:

- what kinds of fire extinguishers you have and where they are.
- what kind of fire extinguisher is right for each material you work with.
- how to properly use the right extinguisher (your employer must provide training if you are expected to use a fire extinguisher to put out fires).

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