





BUILDING EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Fire Extinguisher Types and Operation

Use a fire extinguisher **ONLY** if:

- you know that the extinguisher is suitable for use on the flammable materials involved in the fire;
- you have considered whether electricity is possibly involved and, if so, that the available extinguishing agent is non-conducting;
- you can extinguish the fire quickly;
- you are not putting your safety at risk by staying in the vicinity of the fire; and
- all other persons have been evacuated from the area.

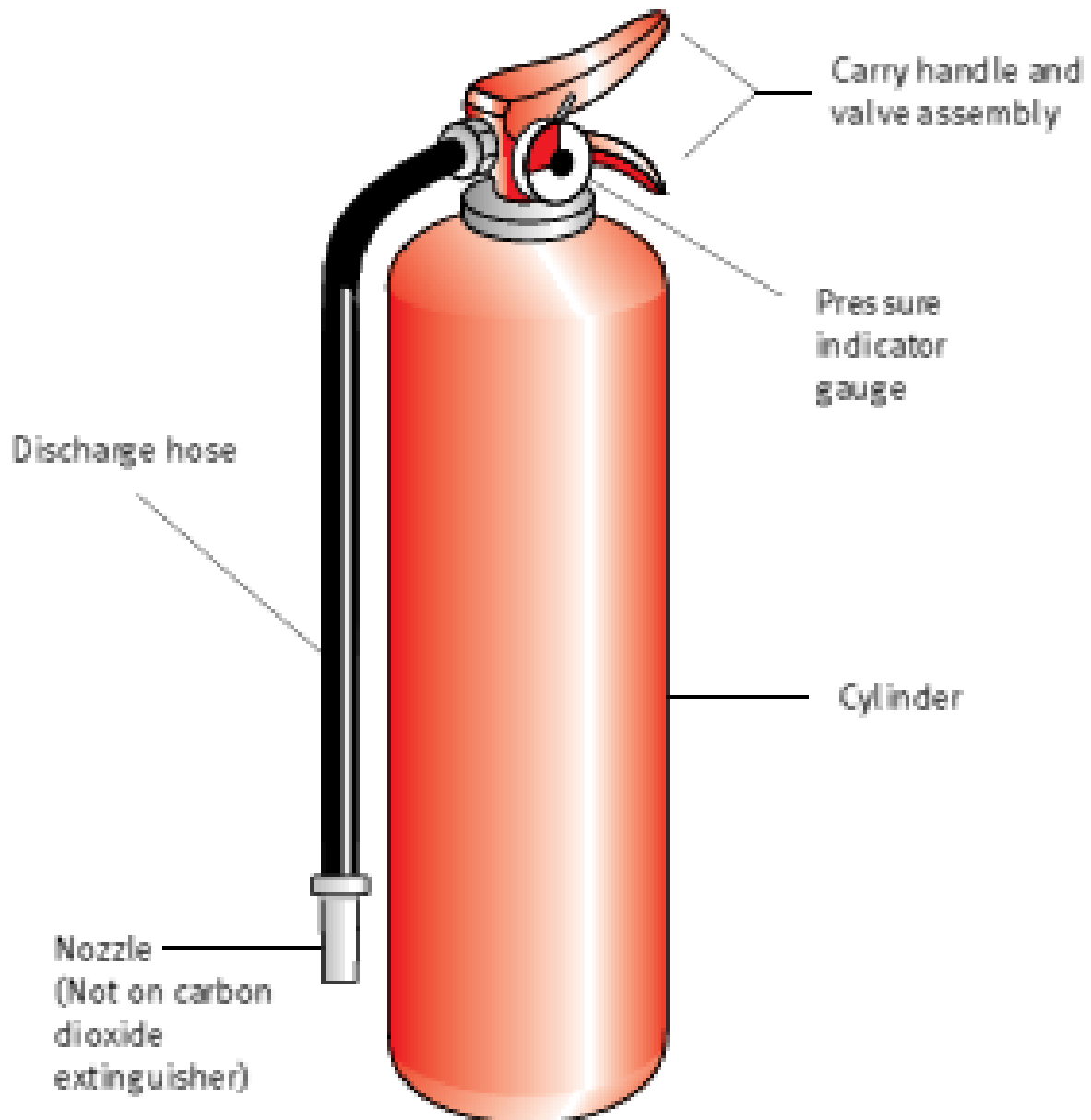
Fire Extinguisher Chart

Extinguisher		Type of Fire				
Colour	Type	Solids (wood, paper, cloth, etc)	Flammable Liquids	Flammable Gasses	Electrical Equipment	Cooking Oils & Fats
	Water	✓ Yes	✗ No	✗ No	✗ No	✗ No
	Foam	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	✗ No	✗ No	✓ Yes
	Dry Powder	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	✗ No
	Carbon Dioxide (CO2)	✗ No	✓ Yes	✗ No	✓ Yes	✓ Yes

BUILDING EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Fire Extinguisher Types and Operation

Parts of a fire extinguisher





BUILDING EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Fire Extinguisher Types and Operation

How do I use a fire extinguisher?

The easiest way to remember how to use a fire extinguisher is PASS.

Pull the pin at the top of the extinguisher.

Note: Hold the extinguisher by the bottom handle to allow easy removal of the pin.



Aim the nozzle towards the base of the fire.



Squeeze the handle to discharge the extinguisher.



Sweep the nozzle from side to side aiming at the base of the fire

