



STATE OF UTAH



## LUNCH BREAK FIRE EXTINGUISHER TRAINING

**Fire Extinguishers** are devices that should be used on small fires with intelligence, knowledge and skill and not to be used by the untrained. Fire extinguishers are to be located or placed in a position that is easy to access. Do not place them where they may be obstructed or hidden from view.

### Extinguisher Types

There are three types or classes of fire extinguishers – A, B, and C

Class A extinguishers are labeled with a green triangle. These devices contain water, and can be used to put out paper, wood or other normal combustibles.

Class B extinguishers are labeled with a red square. Class B's are used to put out flammable or combustible liquids such as gasoline, kerosene, white gas, oils.

Class C extinguishers are labeled with a blue circle. This class of extinguishments may be used with caution on live electrical equipment – including wiring, fuse boxes, circuit breakers and appliances.

*⚠ Don't use water or water type extinguishers on fuel or electrical fires!*

Multipurpose fire extinguishers with an A-B-C label may be used on all three types of fires.

A red slash through any of the symbols indicates you should not use that extinguisher on that class of fire.

A missing symbol, tell you that the extinguisher hasn't been tested on that class of fire.

If the fire is too hot and starting to spread get out of the building as quickly as possible.

### Only use a fire extinguisher

After you have alerted others to leave and call the fire department:

- And if it is readily accessible
- And if you have be trained to operate it.
- And if you have a clear escape route in case the fire spreads.
- And the extinguisher matches the class of fire you are fighting
- If the extinguisher does not operate as you press the handle, drop it and get out immediately!



*Some extinguishers may only last a few seconds. When it's empty drop it and escape the building.*

### PASS, Remember and Use this Safety Acronym, PASS.

P – Pull or twist off the safety pin.

A – Aim the nozzle at the base of the fire where the fuel is.

S – Squeeze the handle or lever to start the stream. Release the handle to stop the stream.

S – Sweep the nozzle across the base of the fire, side to side repeating the process if the fire re-ignites.

### References:

International Fire Code: Sections 404 & 405

NFPA 10:7.2.2

NFPA 10:7.3.1.1

29 CFR 1910.157(g)(1)

29 CFR 1910.157(g)(2)

29 CFR 1910.157(g)(3)

29 CFR 1910.157(g)(4)

Once out of the Fire –  
Never go back in to the building for  
anything once you have escaped!  
and  
Never Go for a Second Extinguisher!