

SAFETY TALKS

Fire Extinguishers

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When using a fire extinguisher, the PASS method is to be used. DO not attempt to extinguish a fire if you are not trained unless you are trapped by a fire and need a way out.

PASS method:

PULL – twist the pin to release the pin and pull out the pin. This will release the handle of the fire extinguisher. Stand back 8 -10 Feet from the fire.

AIM – the nozzle part of the fire extinguisher hose at the base of the fire.

SQUEEZE – the handle of the extinguisher with one hand while still holding the hose at the base of the fire with the other hand.

SWEEP – the hose of the extinguisher at the base of the fire and sweep slowly side to side.



What's the Danger? Being trapped by a fire with no way out.

A small fire that could be distinguished easily if you knew how to use a fire extinguisher could turn into an uncontrollable fire with major property damage and injuries.

Safety Tips

- ✓ Post Fire Evacuation plans in conspicuous areas
- ✓ Educate all employees on emergency procedures
- ✓ Conduct regular fire and other emergency practice drills
- ✓ Install and maintain all fire safety equipment
- ✓ Inspect fire extinguishers monthly and call for annual inspections

Demonstrate

Show the employees your evacuation map

Discuss areas of the facility that are more at risk of a fire (i.e. where flammables are stored, hot work activities such as grinding and using torches, areas that have one way out, grounding chemicals, etc.).

Review the parts of a fire extinguisher and demonstrate the pass method with a fire extinguisher without pulling the pin.

Discussion

Talk about when and when not to fight a fire. Small fires can be easily distinguished but larger fires that cannot be contained by fire extinguishers could put you at danger.

Manitoba Workplace Safety and Health Act and Regulations

Part 19 fire and explosive hazards



Instructions: Meet with your department or group to read and discuss the above safety talk. Add department or company specific information you covered in the note section below; such as where the fire extinguishers map can be found and any other additional information.

Workers Involved in this Safety Talk

Date: _____

Name	Signature

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Notes
