

TOOLBOX TALK 14/60

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TOPIC: FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

OBJECTIVE: TO CREATE AWARENESS IN THE USE OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS



Easiest way to conduct and document your safety meetings!

→ Some things to know before you give your talk:

- Remind your crew that there are several types of extinguishers around the job site and that they are intended for different types of fires.
- You need to check and make sure that it is serviced and not tampered with each day.

→ One basic type of extinguisher contains water

- 👉 Use these on fires in wood, paper, cloth and rubbish.
- 👉 They should not be used on burning liquids like gasoline. The burning liquid will float on the water and the fire will spread.
- 👉 They should also not be used on live electrical equipment because water is good conductor of electricity.

→ The other common types of extinguishers contain dioxide or dry chemicals.

- ➔ These are usually mounted on or beside machinery, equipment and containers of flammable liquid.
- ➔ Carbon dioxide and dry chemicals cut off the air supply necessary for a fire and smother it.

→ Try this for show and tell!

- 👉 Show how to use a fire extinguisher and make everyone in the crew demonstrate it.

→ Questions you can use to get them talking:

- ? What type(s) of extinguisher is located in your work area?
- ? What type of fires are they intended for?
- ? How would you contact the fire department on this job?

