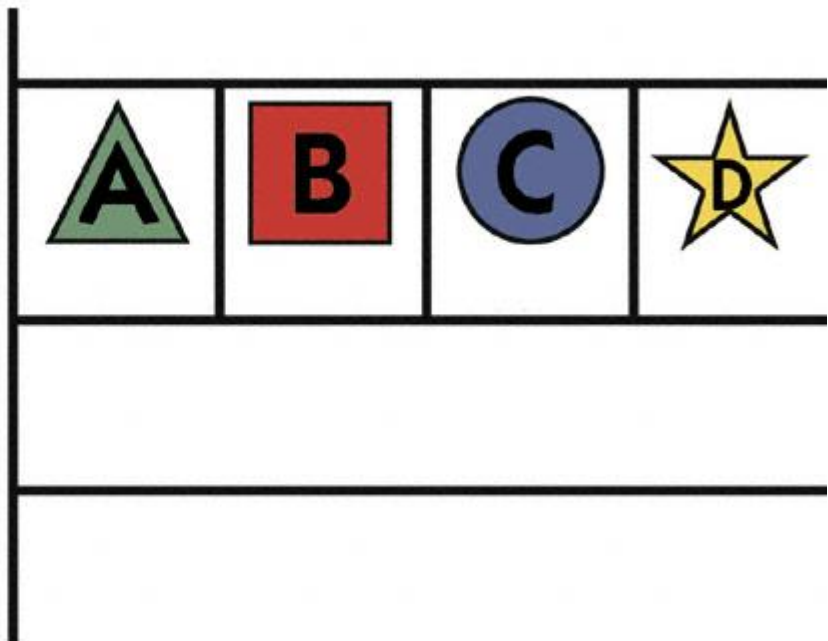
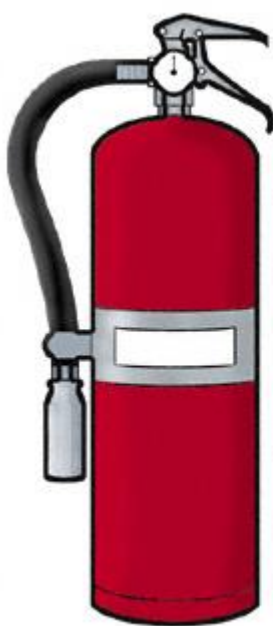


KNOW YOUR FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Fire extinguishers are classified, or rated, according to the type of fire they are intended to extinguish; this classification, or rating, is represented by a letter (A, B, C or D). A fire extinguisher may be rated for one or more classes of fire, depending on the type of extinguishing agent used (Water, Dry Chemical, CO₂, Dry Powder). In addition to the letter rating, colors, symbols and pictures may be used to show what class of fire the extinguisher is rated for.



			Suitable for Class and Class C fires but not Class A
			Suitable for Class fires but not Class or Class C
			Suitable for Class and Class B fires but not Class C

Class A Ratings

A fire extinguisher rated for class A fires is intended for use on fires involving **Ordinary Combustibles** such as wood, paper, cloth or plastics. Class A extinguishers use **water** to put out the fire.

Class B Ratings

A fire extinguisher rated for class B fires is intended for use on fires involving **Flammable and Combustible Liquids and Gases** such as gasoline, oil, lacquer, paint, mineral spirits and alcohol. Class B extinguishers use **dry chemicals** to put out the fire.

Class C Ratings

A Class C fire is essentially a Class A or B fire where the fuel involved is energized with electricity. Class C extinguishers use CO₂ to put out fires. The use of CO₂ cools as well as removes O₂ from the fire.

Class D Ratings

A fire extinguisher rated for class D fires is intended for use on fires involving **Combustible Metals**. Class D extinguishers use **dry powder** to put out fires.