

TOOLBOX TALK

INDIANA CONSTRUCTORS, INC.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

A fire on a construction site can result in serious injuries and loss of materials, equipment and even lives. All employees need to be familiar with the jobsite's fire protection program – who to contact, what to do, the various types of fire extinguishers and their locations throughout the jobsite. Employees should be trained in the use and limitations of fire extinguishers to ensure they are used effectively when needed.

Fire extinguishers are meant to handle only small fires. If a fire becomes too large or the environment becomes too dangerous, employees should evacuate the area. Examples include:

- The fire is too large.
- The air is unsafe to breathe.
- The environment is too hot or the smoke limits visibility.
- Evacuation paths are impaired.

Keep the fire in front of you. Never place yourself where the fire obstructs your escape.

Classes of Fires and Fire Extinguishers

- A Wood, paper, ordinary trash
- B Flammable liquids (gasoline, oil, grease, solvents, paints, etc.)
- C Energized electrical equipment
- D Combustible metals
- K Kitchen fires

Use the **P.A.S.S. Method** for correctly using a fire extinguisher.

- **P**ull the Pin - Hold the extinguisher with the nozzle pointing away from you, and release the locking mechanism.
- **A**im low - Point the extinguisher at the base of the fire.
- **S**queeze the lever slowly and evenly to operate and discharge.
- **S**weep the nozzle from side to side.

Fire Extinguisher Inspection

- Visually inspect portable extinguishers or hoses monthly.
- Verify the fire extinguisher is properly charged. Indicator must always be in the green zone.
- Perform an annual maintenance check on portable fire extinguishers and document.
- Fire extinguisher must be easily accessible.





Company Name: _____

Project #/Name: _____

Meeting Date: _____

Meeting Location: _____

Person Conducting Meeting: _____

Items Discussed

Problem Areas or Concerns

Attendees

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