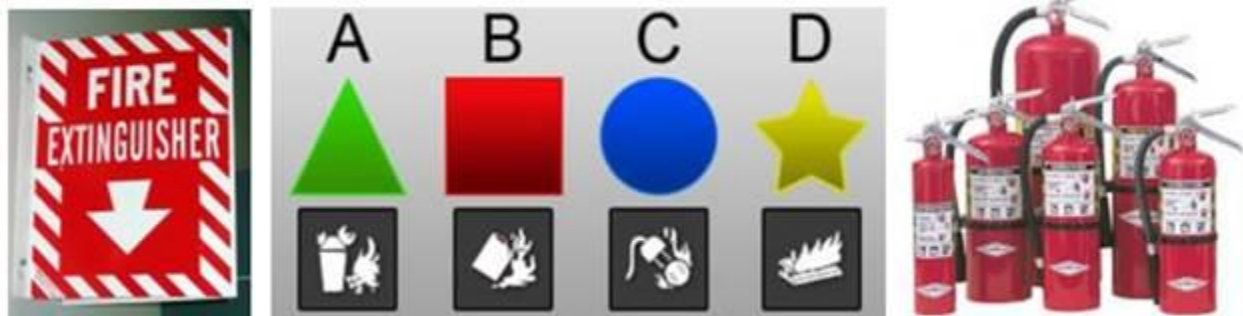




Fire Extinguishers: Choosing the Right One

All fires are not the same. So knowing the type of fire will help you in using the right extinguisher. The wrong extinguisher could make the fire worse. The information below is a reminder of the different types of fire extinguishers that may be found:



Be sure to read the label on the extinguisher. There are basically four kinds:

Type A (green label), for fires involving:

- wood
- paper
- cloth
- rubbish

Type B (red label), for fires involving flammable liquids, including:

- oil
- gasoline
- solvents
- vapors
- gas leaks



Type C (blue label), for:

- electrical fires

Type D (yellow label), for fires involving combustible metals, such as:

- magnesium
- sodium
- potassium
- sodium
- potassium alloys

Be prepared. Don't wait for a fire to start before you find out:

- What kinds of fire extinguishers you have and where they are located?
- What kind of fire extinguisher is right for each materials and hazards you work with?

Remember: "No task is so important that it be done at the risk of safety."