

You should know the **PASS**-word for using portable fire extinguisher

Pull the pin or release any other locking device

Aim low, pointing the extinguisher nozzle at the base of the fire

Squeeze the handle to release the extinguishing agent

Sweep from side to side at the base of the fire until the fire is extinguished

Remember, fire extinguishers are for small fires only - don't endanger yourself when using them.

If you have used an extinguisher you should arrange to have it recharged immediately.

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Type of Fire, Class and Suitability

Pre 1997	Current	Extinguishing Agent		A	B	C	E	F	Comments	Metal Fires
				Wood Paper Plastic	Flammable & Combustible Liquids	Flammable Gases	Electrically Energised Equipment	Cooking Oils and Fats		
		Water		✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	Dangerous if used on flammable liquid, energised electrical equipment and cooking oil/fat fires	Use only special purpose extinguishers and seek expert advice.
		Wet Chemical		✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	Dangerous if used on energised electrical equipment	
		Foam*		✓	✓	✗	✗	LIMITED	Dangerous if used on energised electrical equipment	
		Powder	(ABE)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	Look carefully at the extinguisher to determine if it is a BE or ABE unit as the capability is different	
			(BE)	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓		
		Carbon Dioxide		LIMITED	LIMITED	✗	✓	✗	Not suitable for outdoor use or smouldering deep seated A Class Fires	
		Vaporising Liquid		✓	LIMITED	LIMITED	✓	✗	Check the characteristics of the specific extinguishing agent. 5 Yearly servicing must be done by ODS &SGG licenced persons.	
		Fire Blanket		LIMITED*	LIMITED	✗	✗	✓	* Fire Blankets may be used as a thermal barrier against radiated heat and to control a fire in clothes being worn by a person.	

LEGEND

✓ = the class or classes in which agent is most effective
✗ = not recommend for these class of fires

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LIMITED = indicates that the Extinguishant is not the agent of choice for the class of fire, but it may have a limited extinguishing capability

* Solvents such as alcohol or acetone mix with water and therefore require special foam

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