

Discussion Leader:

Attendance Sign- In:

Summary
Most fires are a result of inattention to the job site operations and surrounding conditions. This lack of attention or protection can result in the loss of life and property. One of the quickest ways to lose a job is allow a fire to start. Sometimes fires do start and it then becomes a matter of putting the fire out as soon as possible. The best way is to use a fire extinguisher.

Guide for Discussion

Be Sure to Know the Following:

- The Fire Department phone number.
- Be sure you know the location of the nearest cross street to give the Fire Department directions.
- Where the fire extinguishers are and how to use them.
- How to evacuate the work area.

Steps to Prevent Fires

- Regularly inspect all fire extinguishers.
- Keep the work area free of debris and trash.
- Designate high risk areas as "no smoking" areas. Enforce no smoking rules.
- Store flammable fuels and materials only in approved safety containers.
- Check temporary wiring and electrical tools for defects.

Care and Use

- Be sure the fire extinguishers are charged, strategically located and ready for use.
- Everyone has a responsibility to check to see that fire extinguishers and fire hoses (as well as other dispensing components) are not blocked.

Common Types of Extinguishers

- Class A Fires: Rubbish, paper, scrap, scrap lumber. Use soda acid and pressurized extinguishers or water through use of a hose or pump type water can.
- Class B Fires: Flammable liquids, oil, grease. Use carbon dioxide, dry chemical or foam extinguishers. Do not use water on these types of fires.
- Class C Fires: Electrical in nature. Use carbon dioxide or dry chemical extinguisher. Do not use foam or water composition extinguishers.

Additional Discussion Notes:

The person responsible to insure fire extinguishers are charged, strategically located and ready for use is _____.

Our exposure is generally to Class _____ fires. We have Class _____ fire extinguishers available.

Remember

Knowing how to recognize, react to, or eliminate fire hazards can greatly decrease the chances of being exposed to a fire. The quickest way to put out a fire may not always be the best way.