

# Fire Extinguisher Guide- ABC type

- **Class A:** Wood, Paper, cloth, trash, plastics (solids that are not metals).
- **Class B:** Flammable Liquids-Gasoline, oil, grease, acetone (includes flammable gases).
- **Class C:** Electrical Fires, energized electrical equipment fires (anything that is plugged in).

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- Pull the pin on the extinguisher

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- Aim the hose nozzle low toward the base of the fire

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- Squeeze the handle to release the extinguishing agent

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- Sweep the nozzle from side to side at the base of the flames until extinguished

- **The fire is too large.** The fire involves flammable solvents, is partially hidden behind a wall or ceiling, cannot be reached from a standing position, or covers more than 60 square feet in area.
- **The air is unsafe to breathe.** Levels of smoke make the fire impossible to fight without some form of respiratory protection.
- **The environment is too hot or smoky.** Radiated heat is easily felt, making it hard to approach a fire within adequate range of using the extinguisher (about 10-15 feet). It is necessary to crawl on the floor to avoid heat or smoke. Visibility is poor.
- **Evacuation paths are impaired.** The fire is not contained and heat, smoke or flames block potential evacuation routes.