

PROJECT:	
CLIENT/OWNER:	WEEK ENDING:

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS 2

NOTE: THIS TOOLBOX TALK APPLIES TO INCIPIENT STAGE FIRES ONLY!!!

An incipient fire is a small, beginning stages fire. A fire in the incipient stage does not present immediate hazard to an employee that is properly utilizing a fire extinguisher. Fires in the incipient stage do not emit smoke, toxic fumes or heat to an extent that prevents seeing the base of the flame and approach to the fires immediate proximity. Incipient fires are small enough to give the proper application of extinguishing agent without danger of being burned or encountering respiratory hazard.

- All fire extinguishers, available for use on the site, must be intact (cylinder, gauge, handle, trigger, hose and nozzle in place, not damaged, functional), fully charged (gauge in the green), with the pin tied in place (to ensure no previous discharge and prevent accidental discharge during transport).
- A fire extinguisher shall be **immediately available** during all hot work operations (Welding, cutting, brazing, soldering and hot spark producing operations).
- A **fire watch** is required when hot slag and /or sparks are falling onto/into areas which are not readily visible to the employee performing the hot work, when sparks are falling downward to lower level floors and when hot work is performed in areas with large quantities of combustibles are stored.
- If you observe a FIRE, you must first communicate the emergency by shouting "FIRE, FIRE, FIRE" until you are positive/sure that at least one other employee has heard the "ALARM". The Project/Site **EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN** should address the required reporting procedure. If it does not, please ask the project superintendent to provide instructions.

CREW NAMES:	CREW SIGNATURES:
SAFETY FACTORS ON CURRENT PROJECT:	
WEEKLY FOCUS ON IMPROVEMENT:	
FOREMAN:	SIGNATURE:

FIRE EXTINGUISHER USE—

Approach to a position **approximately three (3) feet away** from the fire, pull the pin, compress the trigger and with a **sweeping motion** cover the fire with agent. Approach the fire slowly, continuing to apply agent and **blanket the surrounding area** to ensure the fire is out and to prevent rekindling. •

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