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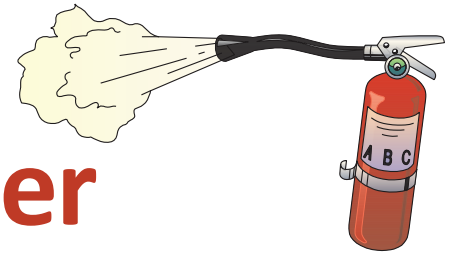
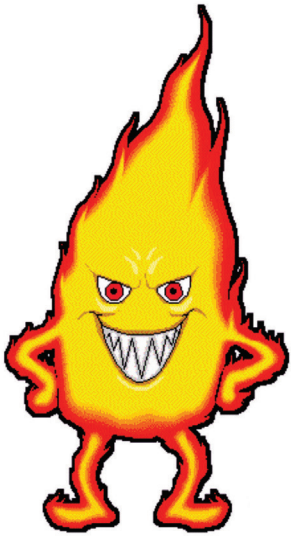
RISK REMINDER

How to Use a Fire Extinguisher



Knowing how to use a fire extinguisher before you're confronted with a fire is one of the best ways to prevent an emergency. Always report the fire first. When in doubt, get out of the building.

Where are the fire extinguishers located in your workplace?



Before You Use an Extinguisher

- **Is the fire small and contained?**
- **Are you 6 to 10 feet from the blaze with your back to a safe exit?**
- **Do you have the right type of extinguisher for the type of fire?**

Here's How:

- Pull the safety pin.
- Stand about 8 feet from the fire.
- Aim at the base of the fire.
- Squeeze the trigger.
- Use a back and forth sweeping motion.
- Aim accurately; fire extinguishers may only last from about three to 20 seconds.
- Use a fire extinguisher only if the fire is small and easily contained.

For more information, contact your Loss Control Consultant at (800) 252-5059, ext. 1387 or 1384.

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