

TOOLBOX TALK #13

Fire Prevention & Control

NOTES

- Do not obstruct access to fire extinguishers
- Ensure you know how to operate the fire extinguishers in your area.

Q: Name the precautions concerning extinguishers and fire exits

Fire Extinguishers

- All new and refurbished extinguishers will be colored red with a contrasting color panel to indicate the contents.
- Water (red) – use on paper, wood and solid flammables
- CO2 (black) – use on liquids, gases and electrical fires.
- Foam (Blue) – use on all types of fires but primarily fires involving metals, such as aluminum and magnesium.

Q: What type of fire extinguisher can water be used on?

Actions to take in the event of fire

- Raise the alarm and then call the fire brigade
- Closed doors and windows to prevent the spread of fire.
- Evacuate the building or area you are working in
- Fight the fire with extinguishers provided but do not put yourself at risk
- Do not use water to put out electrical fires.

Do you have any questions for me?

Questions for you

Q: What extinguishers must be used on burning liquids?

Q: List 5 ways of preventing fires on site.

Remember: Plan in advance, you won't have time when fire breaks out

Sources [Introduction to fire safety - HSE](#) [Fire safety in construction - HSE](#)

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