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Fire Extinguisher Use Guidelines



Your safety and the safety of others is always first priority. Before attempting to extinguish any fire, ensure there is a safe exit path and someone has been directed to activate the alarm and contact California Baptist University Department of Public Safety at **951.343.4311**. Department of Public Safety will determine if the fire department must be contacted. Only attempt to extinguish fires if the following conditions exist:

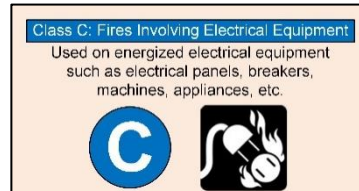
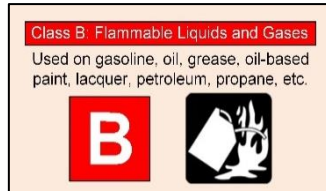
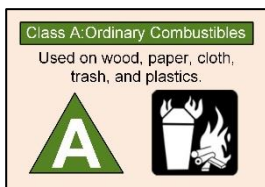
1. The fire is still in its beginning or initial stage and may be extinguished with a single fire extinguisher. It is best to evacuate if the fire is rapidly spreading.
2. The entire fire is visible and the materials burning are known. Fires that may have spread from another area may appear to be small; however the unseen portion of fire may be larger than expected.

DO NOT attempt to extinguish a fire if:

1. You do not feel comfortable extinguishing the fire. It is better to evacuate than extinguish a fire without confidence in your ability to use a fire extinguisher.
2. Extinguishing the fire may potentially trap you leaving you without an exit path.
3. Attempting to extinguish the fire will put you in risk of additional hazards.
4. There is a significant amount of smoke and/or fumes.



Different Extinguisher Types on Campus



Using the Extinguisher

The simple, yet effective, acronym **PASS** is all you need to remember while using a fire extinguisher to extinguish a fire.

- P**ull the pin
- A**im at the base of the fire
- S**queeze the lever or trigger
- S**weep side to side



After Extinguishing a Fire

California Baptist University Department of Public Safety (DPS) must be notified even if the fire has been extinguished. Once a fire has been extinguished, ensure the area is not left unattended, unless doing so further endangers personnel, for *approximately 30 minutes or until DPS and/or the Fire Department* has determined the fire has been 100% extinguished.