

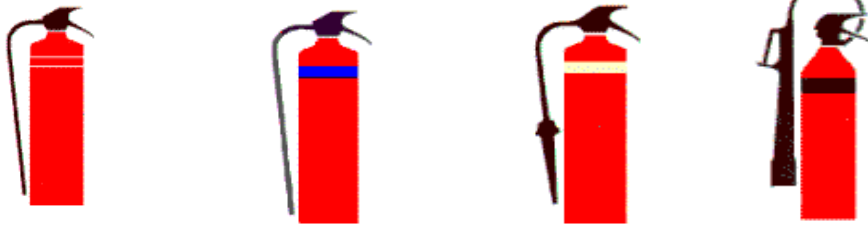
# Basic Information on Fire Extinguishers

## Points to note

- (1) Type of fire extinguisher is dependant upon the predominant risk in that area
- (2) Fire extinguishers should normally located on exit / escape routes, corridors, stairwells, fire points or in the actual rooms
- (3) Final location and type should be determined by fire risk assessment.
- (4) Should be sited within 30m of work location
- (5) Near to but not too near potential fire risk
- (6) Fixed approximately 1m from floor to handle if wall mounted
- (7) Do not position in areas of extreme heat or cold
- (8) Recessed if possible
- (9) Position information signs above the extinguishers (also helps to indicate if an extinguisher is in the wrong position)
- (10) Provision should comply with BS 5306: Part 8 (e.g. for class A fires, one 13A unit for each 200m<sup>2</sup>)
- (11) Weekly user visual checks should be carried out
- (12) Minimum of annual servicing to comply with BS 5306: Part 3 by a competent (BAFE or FETA certificated) engineer / contractor

**REMEMBER! They are NOT high tech doorstops!**

## Types of extinguisher and their uses



<b>Water</b>	<b>Powder</b>	<b>Foam</b>	<b>Carbon Dioxide</b>
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### Can be used on

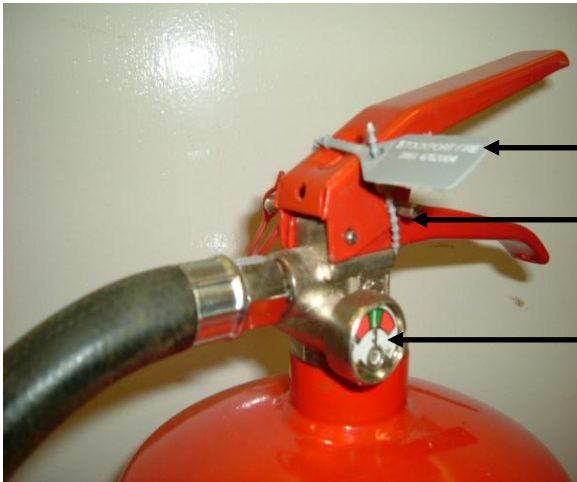
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### Do not use on

Liquid Electrical Metals	Metal	Electrical Metal	Metal
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## Examples of fire extinguisher signage



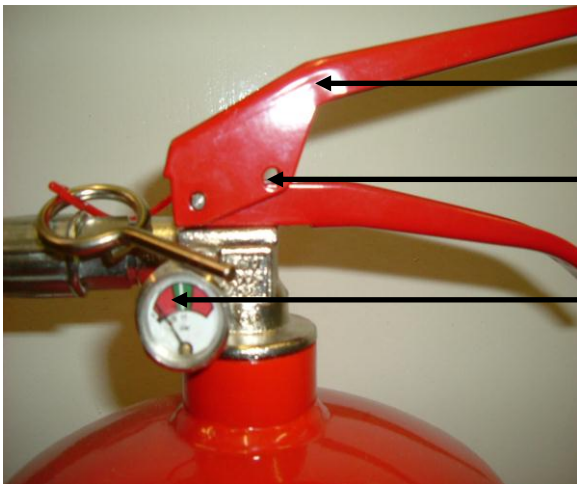


## RIGHT

Check Security Tag is in place

Check Safety Pin is in position

Check extinguisher is charged



## WRONG

Security Tag missing

Safety Pin not in correct position

Extinguisher not charged



Check fire extinguishers are not being obstructed