



Date Revised:	March 2021	Overall Task Risk Rating:	Before Controls	C	After Controls	С
Description:	Use of a fire extinguisher.					
Location(s):	Office, Shop, Asphalt Plant & Construction Projects					
Associated Documents: Hazardous Agents WTS						

RED FLAGS (HOLD WORK UNTIL CORRECTED):

Note:

- Do not try to fight a large fire, use the extinguisher to assist in evacuating the dangerous location
- Do not complete hot work if you do not have a fire extinguisher or if the fire extinguisher that you have has not been inspected or is showing any signs of defects

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (CSA APPROVED) Head Foot High-Vis Hearing Hand Eye Respiratory Skin Face Fall Protection Note: No specific PPE required. When in the Shop one must adhere to the minimum Shop PPE Requirements: Safety Boots When onsite one must adhere to the minimum site requirements (i.e. Safety Boots, Hard Hat & High Visibility Protection. Safety Glasses when necessary)

SAFE WORK PRACTICES (SWP)

General Fire Extinguisher Practices:

- Fire extinguishers are to be used to assist in evacuation, not to attempt to put out a large fire
- Fire extinguishers of the proper type and size for the exposure shall be readily available
- Fire extinguishers shall be in a known location & accessible
- Debris / equipment / material shall not be piled in front of fire extinguishers preventing access
- Never turn your back to the fire
- Ensure compliance with OHSA & Ontario Fire Code requirements

In the case of a fire:

- Notify everyone on site
- Shut down all equipment (if possible)

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- Leave the location of the fire and assemble at the Muster Point
- Call 911 from a safe area (know the exact location of the emergency addressed on the daily GAZZ card)
- Consider using a fire extinguisher (to assist with evacuation or to fight a small fire)
- A roll-call will take place when all workers are assembled

Use of a Fire Extinguisher (PASS):

- PULL Pull the safety pin on the fire extinguisher
- AIM Aim the hose and nozzle of the fire extinguisher at the base of the fire
- SQUEEZE Squeeze the trigger handle on the fire extinguisher
- SWEEP Sweep the nozzle from side to side

When / Where a Fire Extinguisher is needed:

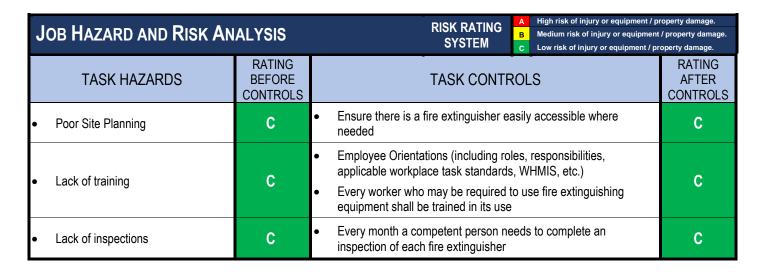
- During hot work, grinding, welding, brazing, etc...
- In commercial vehicles and maintenance areas
- In site trailers

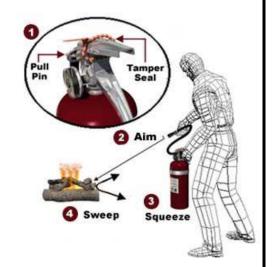
Inspections:

- Fire extinguishers shall be serviced by a qualified technician on a yearly basis
- Every month a competent person needs to complete an inspection of each fire extinguisher
- One should be looking to see that the fire extinguisher:
 - Is in the proper location, and still secured on the bracket
 - Has no apparent physical damage (ex. Dents)
 - Has the pin in place
 - Has the hose securely attached
 - Is charged (the yellow arrow is within the green region of the indicator dial)
- If the fire extinguisher is in good condition, the person who completed the inspection is to sign and date the attached inspection tag
- If the fire extinguisher is not in the proper location, has been deployed or has damaged or missing components, exchange it for an
 operational fire extinguisher at the shop

Training:

- Employee Orientations (including roles, responsibilities, applicable workplace task standards, WHMIS, etc.)
- Every worker who may be required to use fire extinguishing equipment shall be trained in its use







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