

Fire Extinguishers

Fire extinguishers are one of the most common safety tools used. They are found in homes, cars, and businesses to help prevent or minimize the damage caused by a fire. Just as fires are started by different types of fuels, there are different types of fire extinguishers, each with their own use.

- Type A – This should have a letter “A” in a triangle or picture of a burning trash can on it, it’s used for fires caused by cloth, rubber, plastic and wood.
- Type B – These typically have a letter “B” in a square or picture of burning gas can. These types of extinguishers are made to combat flammable liquids like paints, oil, gasoline and solvents.
- Type C – Have the letter “C” in a circle or a picture of an electric plug on fire, they are meant for electrical fires like, fuse boxes, and wiring.

There are other types of fire extinguishers like the ABC or multi- purpose but are not as common. To use a fire extinguisher, use PASS

- P – Pull the safety pin at the top of the extinguisher
- A – Aim the nozzle towards the base of the fire
- S – Squeeze the handle
- S – Sweep from side to side until the fire goes out.

In the event that there is a fire, never put yourself in harms way. Immediately call 911 to report the fire and have fire crews respond. For more information on this visit the Pueblo Fire Department, 719-553-2830