



## WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS?

Portable fire extinguishers are categorized by ratings. These ratings determine the size and type of fire that the extinguisher can effectively put out. The three most common classes of fire are A, B, and C. The fourth class is D.

Check the extinguisher label and purchase an extinguisher that is appropriate for the type and size of fire you may encounter. Only choose extinguishers that have been tested by an approved testing laboratory and labeled for their intended use (e.g. UL, ULC).

This symbol indicates an extinguisher that may be used on ordinary combustibles including wood, paper, plastic or cloth. This symbol may be found on water, foam or multipurpose extinguishers.



This symbol indicates an extinguisher that is appropriate for use on flammable or combustible liquids. This symbol may be found on multipurpose dry chemical, dry chemical, and carbon dioxide extinguishers.



This symbol indicates an extinguisher that may be used on fires involving energized electrical equipment. This symbol may be found on carbon dioxide, multi-purpose dry chemical, and dry chemical extinguishers.



This symbol indicates an extinguisher that may be used on some types of combustible metals including magnesium, sodium, and potassium. This symbol may be found on dry chemical extinguishers. You will rarely encounter a "D" class fire in the home or office.

