

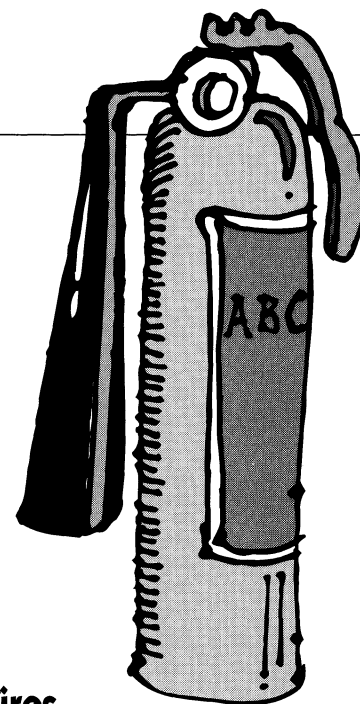
# Fire Extinguishers: A Class Act

Most extinguishers are classified either:

- A** for fires involving combustibles like wood or paper
- B** for flammable liquids, gases, and gasoline
- C** for electrical wiring and equipment
- ABC** for combination fires
- D** for combustible metals like magnesium, sodium.

- Use higher number Class A extinguishers for larger fires.

- The numbers on Class B extinguishers tell the square-foot area they are effective in.



Know the location of fire extinguishers.

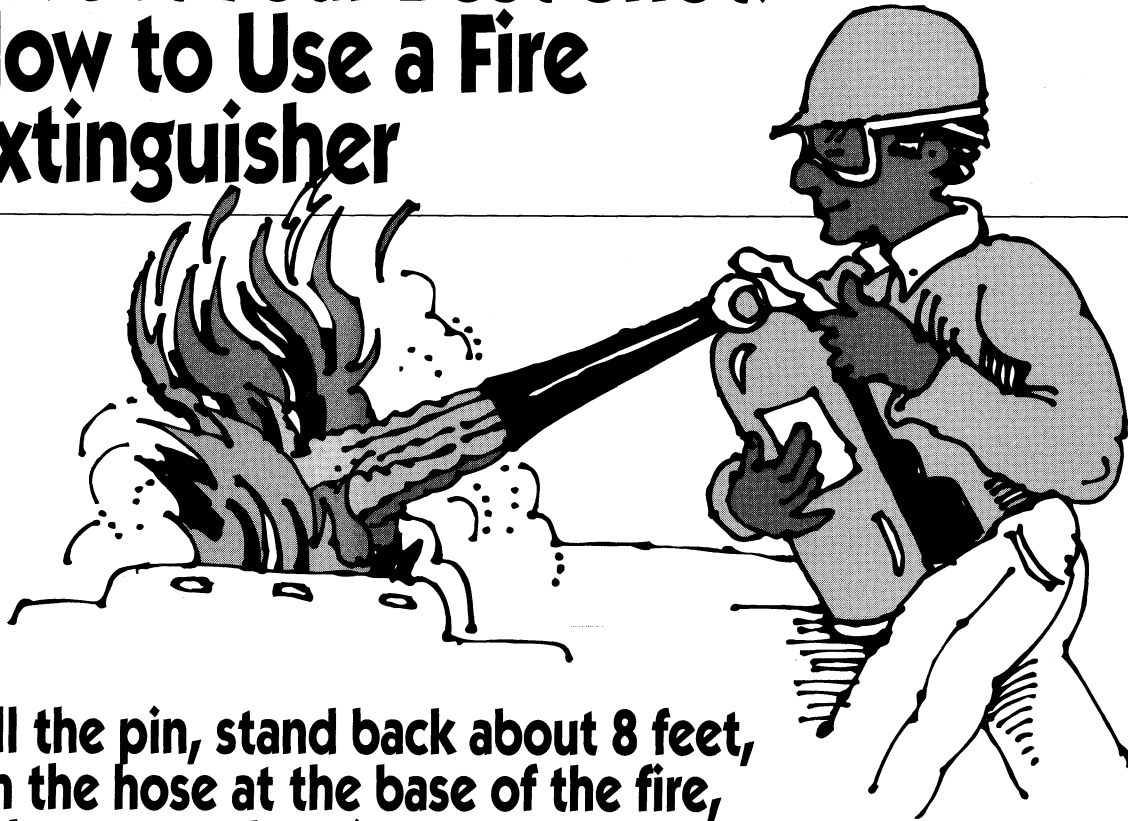


**If you haven't been assigned firefighting responsibilities—** get out of the area, so trained people can do their job.

**If you're on the firefighting team—** follow your company's contingency plan and SOPs. Make sure you are wearing the proper protective clothing and respirator before you approach a fire.



# Give It Your Best Shot: How to Use a Fire Extinguisher



**Pull the pin, stand back about 8 feet, aim the hose at the base of the fire, and squeeze the trigger.**

**Make sure your first shot is on target—the fire extinguisher only lasts 3 to 20 seconds.**



- **Make sure** you don't blow burning papers out of wastebasket fires.

- **Never** put water on an electrical fire or piece of electrical equipment.

- **Don't** attempt to fight a fire that is too big for you!

