

Fire Protection

Prepare your facility or worksite in case a fire occurs. Being prepared for the unthinkable allows us to save valuable time, resources, and lives.

Automatic sprinkler systems activate when a fire occurs, releasing a water spray or other fire suppressant until the fire department arrives. A qualified professional should install and routinely inspect your system.

Recommended Practices For Automatic Sprinkler Systems Include:

- Have a qualified person inspect systems annually or as required by local codes and requirements.
- Maintain at least 18 inches of clearance between the top of the storage rack and the sprinkler deflector.
- Train and inform employees if they work in area's where oxygen displacing fire suppressant is used.
- Always post emergency evacuation plans and routes as required.

Portable fire extinguishers are meant to only extinguish a small fire, typically the size of a small wastebasket, or provide a means for escape from a more significant fire. Fire extinguishers should be present when performing any hot or spark-producing tasks and when using gasoline or diesel-fueled tools and equipment. A fire protection equipment supply company can assist you with proper selection of equipment and placement throughout the facility in absence of a sprinkler system.

Recommended Practices For Fire Extinguishers:

Be sure you have the appropriate type of fire extinguisher.

- Use Type A extinguishers for wood or paper fires, anything that burns and creates ash.
- Use Type B extinguishers for flammable liquids, anything that boils.
- Use Type C extinguishers for electrical fires, anything with electrical current.
- Use Type D extinguishers for flammable metals.
- Use Type K extinguishers for grease and oil fires common to kitchens.

Inspect extinguishers monthly and annually.

- Remove and replace extinguishers after any discharge.
- Retreat if unable to totally extinguish the fire.
- Store fire extinguishers in an upright position.

Remember to use the P-A-S-S method to use a fire extinguisher.

- P-ull the Pin
- A-im the nozzle at the base of the fire.
- S-queeze the trigger.
- S-weep from side to side

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