

SAFE WORK PRACTICE

TITLE	Use Of Portable Fire Extinguishers
GENERAL	Protecting workers from injuries associated with IMPROPER use of fire extinguishers
APPLICATION	Portable fire extinguishers must be installed, inspected and maintained on a regular basis to ensure proper operation in an emergency.
PROTECTIVE MECHANISMS	Safe work procedure Ontario Fire Code Manufacturers recommendations PPE
SELECTION AND USE	As per safe work procedure Ontario fire code Manufacturers recommendations
SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITY	Supervisors are responsible to facilitate and/or provide proper instruction to their workers on protection requirements and training Proper selection of equipment Conversant with proper regulations
WORKER RESPONSIBILITY	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure you are fully trained with operation and maintenance of fire extinguishers. 2. Check Cylinder. 3. Inspect cartridge puncture cap. 4. Weigh cartridge. 5. With cartridge removed, check action of puncture lever. 6. Check hose and nozzle for obstruction. 7. Check date of manufacture. 8. Check level and condition of powder. 9. Check fill-cap threads and gasket. 10. Attach visual seal. 11. Check Pressure Gauge.