

Fire Safety and Extinguishers

PROJECT / SITE	DATE	TALK LED BY

THE HAZARD

Heaters, fuel and combustible material in one enclosed space is a winter-specific combination. Knowing how an extinguisher works is worth nothing if you cannot say where the nearest one is.

WHAT GOES WRONG

- Temporary heaters run next to stacked timber, packaging or insulation.
- Hot work started with no fire watch and no clear area underneath.
- The nearest extinguisher is blocked, discharged, out of date or simply gone.
- Wrong class of extinguisher grabbed, which on an electrical or fuel fire makes it worse.

CONTROLS: BEFORE YOU START

- Keep combustibles well clear of any heat source, and check that again as the job moves.
- For hot work: clear the area, post a fire watch, and keep it after the work stops.
- Know the fire classes present on this site and which extinguisher matches which.
- Check extinguishers are present, charged, in date and unobstructed at the start of the week.
- Walk people to the nearest extinguisher during the talk. Pointing at a map is not the same.

ASK THE CREW

1. Where is the nearest extinguisher to where you are working today?
2. What class of fire would we most likely get on this site, and which unit handles it?
3. Who is on fire watch for the hot work happening this week?
4. What is stacked next to a heater right now that should not be?

ATTENDANCE RECORD

Everyone present signs below. This sheet is the record of the talk.

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