



## FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

There are several types of fire extinguishers which can sometimes be identified by their colour. Many will be coloured red with a label identifying their type.

<b>Type</b>	<b><u>Colour</u></b>
<b>Water</b>	<b>Red</b>
<b>Foam</b>	<b>Cream</b>
<b>Carbon Dioxide</b>	<b>Black</b>
<b>Dry Powder</b>	<b>Blue</b>
<b>Halon</b>	<b>Green</b>

### Water Extinguishers

Should be used for materials such as wood and paper. They must not be used on fires involving electrical equipment or oil.

### Foam Extinguishers

Should be used on fires involving burning liquids such as paint and asphalt. They must not be used on fires involving electrical equipment or flammable liquids.

### Carbon Dioxide and Dry Power Extinguishers

Are normally used on burning liquids. They are safe for use on fires involving electrical equipment. Neither of these extinguishers has a cooling effect, consequently, they are not recommended for use where there is a high risk of reignition. Use carbon dioxide extinguishers in well-ventilated areas because they reduce the amount of oxygen in the air.

### Halon Extinguishers

Can be used in most instances including use on electrical equipment. They are recommended for use in the open air or well-ventilated areas because of their toxic properties, so do not use them in confined spaces.

**Fire extinguishers cannot always be identified by their colour, do not use them without reading the label!**