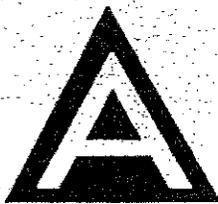


# Fire Extinguishers: Choosing the Right Extinguisher



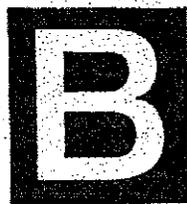
All fires aren't the same. Be sure to use the right extinguisher for the right fire. The wrong extinguisher can make the fire worse!

Read the label on the extinguisher. There are four kinds...



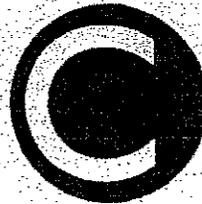
**Type A** (green label),  
for fires involving

-  wood
-  paper
-  cloth
-  rubbish



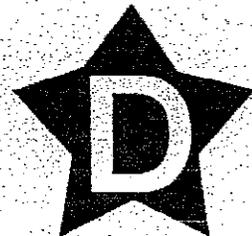
**Type B** (red label),  
for fires involving  
flammable gases/  
liquids, including

-  gasoline
-  solvents
-  vapors
-  gas leaks



**Type C** (blue label),  
for

-  electrical fires



**Type D** (yellow  
label), for fires  
involving com-  
bustible metals, such  
as:

-  magnesium
-  sodium
-  potassium
-  sodium  
potassium alloys

**Be prepared. Don't wait for a fire to start before you find out:**

-  what kinds of fire extinguishers you have, and where they are
-  what kind of fire extinguisher is right for each material you work with