

PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHER SELECTION

FIRE SAFETY | THINK AHEAD. CONTROL THE HAZARD. PROTECT THE CREW.

Today we are discussing portable fire extinguisher selection. Review the job, identify the specific exposure, and agree on the controls before work begins.

COMMON HAZARDS AND SAFEGUARDS

- Know the fire class and choose the correct extinguisher
- Keep an exit behind you before attempting extinguishment
- Pull, aim at the base, squeeze, and sweep
- Stay within your training and extinguisher capacity
- Evacuate if the fire grows or conditions become unsafe
- Report every extinguisher use for inspection and replacement

THE COMMON-SENSE CHECK

- 1 What can go wrong during portable fire extinguisher selection?
- 2 Which of today's conditions increases the risk?
- 3 Are isolation, permits, and equipment verified?
- 4 Does everyone understand the controls and limits?
- 5 What will make us stop, withdraw, or raise the alarm?

CONTROL THE EXPOSURE

PLAN

Know the fire class and choose the correct extinguisher

VERIFY

Keep an exit behind you before attempting extinguishment

CONTROL

Pull, aim at the base, squeeze, and sweep

RESPOND

Report every extinguisher use for inspection and replacement

ASK THE CREW

1. Where could this hazard affect us during today's work?

2. Which control must be verified before we begin?

3. What condition requires us to stop work or evacuate?

DATE: _____ SUPERVISOR: _____ CREW / LOCATION: _____