



ECO-6 ERS EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM

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View of an Emergency Crisis Control Center

DEFINITION OF AN EMERGENCY

A serious, unexpected, and often dangerous situation requiring immediate action.



HOUSEHOLD FIRES

Source: Check Fires

Select an extinguisher according to the fire

TYPES

Class A: These fires are fueled by solid combustibles like wood, paper, and cloth.

Class B: These fires are fueled by flammable liquids such as oil, petroleum, and gasoline.

Class C: These fires are started or fueled by faulty wiring, fuse boxes, and appliances.

Class K: These fires are started or fueled by cooking oils and greases, animal fats, and vegetable fats.

All fire extinguishers are labeled to indicate which classes of fire they are designed to combat.

If there is a circle and a red slash through any of the symbols, that indicates that the extinguisher cannot be used to fight that type of fire.

FIRE EXTRINGUISHER USE

SELECT THE EXTINGUISHER ACCORDING TO THE EMERGENCY

FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS

1. Identify a clear exit/escape route

Before operating the fire extinguisher, make sure you have a clear evacuation route. If you cannot put out the fire, you'll need to make a safe exit.

2. Stand back

Face the fire and keep your back to the clear exit you earlier identified. You should stay between six and eight feet away from the flames as you prepare to operate the fire extinguisher.

3. Discharge extinguisher

It can be difficult to think clearly during an emergency, so fire safety has a long-standing acronym to help you recall the steps involved in operating your fire extinguisher. Just remember **PASS**:

P: Pull the pin on the fire extinguisher.

A: Aim the nozzle on the hose low, toward the base of the fire.

S: Squeeze the handle or lever to discharge the extinguisher.

S: Sweep the nozzle back and forth. Keep the fire extinguisher aimed at the base of the fire and move it from side to side until the flames are extinguished.

