



## SAFE WORK PRACTICE

<b>TITLE</b>	Use Of Portable Fire Extinguishers
<b>GENERAL</b>	Protecting workers from injuries associated with IMPROPER use of fire extinguishers
<b>APPLICATION</b>	Portable fire extinguishers must be installed, inspected and maintained on a regular basis to ensure proper operation in an emergency.
<b>PROTECTIVE MECHANISMS</b>	Safe work procedure Alberta Fire Code Manufacturers recommendations PPE
<b>SELECTION AND USE</b>	As per safe work procedure Alberta fire code Manufacturers recommendations
<b>SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITY</b>	Supervisors are responsible to facilitate and/or provide proper instruction to their workers on protection requirements and training Proper selection of equipment Conversant with proper regulations
<b>WORKER RESPONSIBILITY</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Ensure you are fully trained with operation and maintenance of fire extinguishers.</li><li>2. Check Cylinder.</li><li>3. Inspect cartridge puncture cap.</li><li>4. Weigh cartridge.</li><li>5. With cartridge removed, check action of puncture lever.</li><li>6. Check hose and nozzle for obstruction.</li><li>7. Check date of manufacture.</li><li>8. Check level and condition of powder.</li><li>9. Check fill-cap threads and gasket.</li><li>10. Attach visual seal.</li><li>11. Check Pressure Gauge.</li></ol>

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