



FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION OF PAKISTAN

A voluntary and non-profit organization for promoting fire protection awareness and advancement

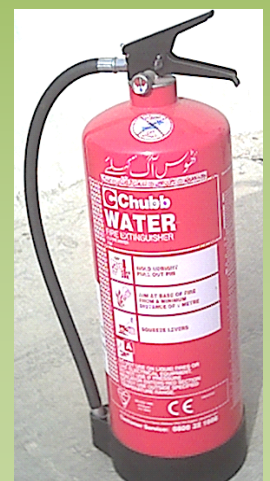
Workshop on Extinguisher Selection, Placement and Care

Incidental fires are unsolicited disasters, which claim not only millions worth of property, but priceless human lives as well. The prevention and control of these disasters include multidimensional activities and approaches. It includes Structural Protection, Fixed Fire Protection Systems, Handling & Storage Procedures and proper training to occupants. Nevertheless, considering the speed of fire that normally doesn't give much of time to respond, Portable Fire Extinguishers are considered the first line of defiance to effectively cope with the situation at the early stages of the fire and to prevent the major damages. These are needed even if the property is equipped with automatic sprinklers, standpipe and hose, or other fixed systems.

In view of the speedy propagation of fires in first five minutes are crucial in controlling the fires. And if we mean to take full advantage of these extinguishers for really proving their worth in controlling the fire losses, following questions also come across:

- Have these extinguishers been manufactured on some globally recognized standard?
- Is the manufacturer subjected to internationally accept monitoring?
- Is the guidance being taken from NFPA-10, BS-5306 and EN-3
- Are these extinguishers appropriate for your premises and adequate in quantity?
- Have the extinguishers been mounted on walls or kept in purpose built shallow recesses?
- Have these extinguishers been sited strategically?
- Have these extinguishers been sited in a way that makes it easily accessible for the users?
- Have the extinguishers been installed in a shaded area?
- Are the extinguishers not subjecting to weather extremes?
- Are the extinguishers inspected at proper intervals?
- Are the extinguishers maintained at proper intervals?
- Are the extinguishers recharged at proper intervals?
- Are the extinguishers subjected to hydrostatic tests at proper intervals?
- Has the manufacturer or his agent provided the inspection and maintenance instructions?
- Are qualified personnel maintaining these extinguishers?
- Is your servicing / maintenance firm maintaining the extinguishers in a standard manner?
- Are these extinguishers being recharged with correct material?
- Are the validity stickers / tags available?
- Is the Operating Instructions Label is available?
- Is the Operating Instructions Label is on the front side of the extinguisher?
- Are the Operating Instructions are in Local Language?
- Are there any pictorial illustrations to assist its correct use?
- Is the extinguisher not visually obstructed and blocked?
- Is the extinguisher not too heavy to lift?
- Have old/obsolete Soda Acid, Internal Cartridge Water / Foam Halon been phased-out?
- Have the occupants been trained in using these extinguishers?
- Is the organization having competent Fire Safety Experts in required number?

Achieving a "YES" to all the above questions is essential for a meaningful protection to the people and property at your premises. With a view to provide the applied knowledge to executives and supervisors responsible for such jobs in the industry, Fire Protection Association of Pakistan (FPAP) has organized a workshop which will be conducted by the renowned fire protection specialist and professionals of the industry as per NFPA Standards.



Your first line of active defence against incidental fire demands your utmost attention.

A well kept and appropriately used Fire Extinguisher is better than two Fire Trucks on the way

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