

FIRE PRECAUTIONS

Have you looked at your office's fire extinguishers lately and could you recognise the different types? All new fire extinguishers in the EU are painted in a rich red colour known as signal red, and the important colour coding is on their labels although you may find older ones which are solid colours other than red.



These are still legal but will need to be replaced at the end of their useful life, with the exception of green Halon extinguishers, which are now all illegal.

Water Fire Extinguishers

These are solid signal red, including water additive types, and are suitable for use on Class A fires involving paper, wood, textiles and solids only

Foam Fire Extinguishers

These are painted signal red with a cream panel above their printed instructions. UK foam fire extinguishers are suitable for use on Class A & Class B fires. Involving liquid, paper, wood and textiles

Dry Powder Extinguishers

These are signal red with a

blue panel above the printed usage instructions. These extinguishers are suitable for use on Class A, B or C fires, involving liquid, electrical, wood, paper, and textiles.

CO₂ Fire Extinguishers

These are signal red with a black panel above their printed instructions. They are suitable for use on Class B fires and those involving electrical equipment. or liquids. If you want further information about classes of fire go to Wikipedia on the internet. If you want to BUY, please go to page 685 in our Main 2010 TLC catalogue. All our extinguishers come with a FIVE year guarantee and come with mounting brackets. - BE SAFE!

IS THIS TRUE?

"Pull the pin like a hand grenade and depress the trigger to release the foam" said the instructor running the Fire Extinguisher seminar.



Later, an employee was selected to extinguish a controlled fire in the car park. She forgot to pull the pin! "Like a hand grenade" reminded the instructor. In a burst of confidence she pulled the pin and hurled the extinguisher at the blaze!!

SIGNAGE

Have you got all the safety signage to keep you within the Health & Safety at Work Regulations in the workplace? Look at pages



701—707 in our Main TLC catalogue to help you to comply.

FIRST AID

Every office needs a set level of First Aid cover.

See www.hse.gov.uk/firstaid/



legislation.htm for details. To BUY kits, see pages 687 onwards in our

main catalogue for help, advice and guidance.

AND FINALLY...

Did you know that a "Safety Manager" is a person who can write a 10,000 word document and call it a brief!

