# **CSN FIRE EXTINGUISHERS**

## FIGHT OR FLIGHT

Never put yourself in danger, let the sprinkler system do its job!

### FIGHT:

- If you are trained and confident with your abilities
- · If fire is small and contained
- If you know for certain what substance is burning
- If flames are not higher than your head
- If fire is not too hot to approach
- · If you are safe from toxic smoke
- If you have a clear escape route

#### FLEE:

- If you have the slightest doubt about your ability to fight a fire
- If you are unsure of how to operate the extinguisher
- If the fire is spreading rapidly or is a large fire
- If fire is partially hidden
- If smoke is accumulating
- If the fire could block your escape route

# **R.A.C.E FIRE EMERGENCY PROCEDURE:**

**Rescue** - rescue anyone in immediate danger from a fire if it does not endanger your life.

Alarm – sound the building fire alarm by activating a pull station, where they are present. Alert those around you of the emergency in case of an alarm failure and call University Police Services.

**Confine** - confine the fire to as small an area as possible by closing all doors and windows near the fire, if safe to do so.

Extinguish/Evacuate - extinguish the fire with the proper fire extinguisher or evacuate the building if the fire is too large for a fire extinguisher.

# **HOW TO USE FIRE EXTINGUISHER**

Pull the pin

Aim at the base of fire

**S**queeze the lever

Sweep side to side



## FIRE CLASSIFICATIONS Match your Fire Extinguisher to the Type of Fire you are fighting. **Types of Extinguishers Types of Fires** LETTER **PICTURE DESCRIPTION SYMBOL** SYMBOL **USE ON ORDINARY COMBUSTIBLES** (WOOD, PAPER, PLASTICS, TEXTILES, AND TRASH) **USE ON FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS** (GASOLINE, OIL, GREASE, OIL-BASED PAINTS, SOLVENTS, ALCOHOLS) **USE ON ENERGIZED ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT** (MOTORS, APPLIANCES, TRANSFORMERS) **USE ON COMBUSTIBLE METALS** (MAGNESIUM, TITANIUM, ZIRCONIUM, SODIUM, LITHIUM, POTASSIUM) Locations: specific labs **USE ON COMBUSTIBLE COOKING MEDIA** (VEGETABLE OR ANIMAL OILS AND FATS) Locations: restaurants, cafeterias USED AS "ALL-PURPOSE" EXTINGUISHER (MOST COMMON MULTIPURPOSE EXTINGUISHER FOR CLASS A, B, AND C FIRES)

# IN CASE OF FIRE EMERGENCY:

- 1. Keep calm
- 2. Follow all evacuation procedures
  - Assist those who are unable to exit the building independently

Locations: hallways, specific labs, mechanical rooms

- Use stairs, do NOT use elevators
- **3.** Feel the doors with the back of your hand:
  - If door is warm/hot: do not open, remain in room & call for help
  - If door is cool: leave room & close door behind you
- 4. In case of smoke:
  - Crawl on your hands and knees
- 5. Once you are in a safe area
  - Call University Police Services at 702-895-3669