ECC Monthly Safety Tip

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Don’t Let Safety Go Up in Smoke!
October is Fire Prevention Month: Stop the Spark Before It Starts!

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Stop the Spark Before It Starts!

A few seconds of prevention can prevent a lifetime of consequences.
Recognize the hazard. Eliminate the risk. Prevent the fire.

Electrical

Do not overload sockets, replace frayed, cracked, or damaged cords immediately

Home Safety

Never leave stoves, ovens, or active food preparation unattended

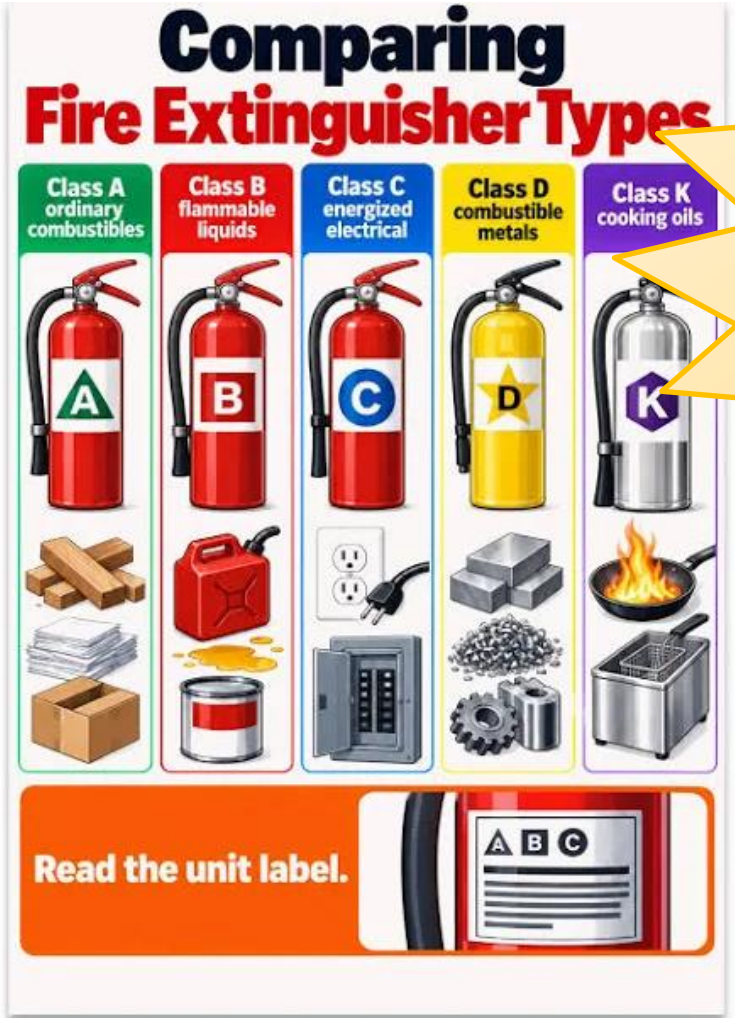
Vehicle & Equipment

Watch for overheating motors, unusual odors, sparks, or smoke

Lithium-ion batteries

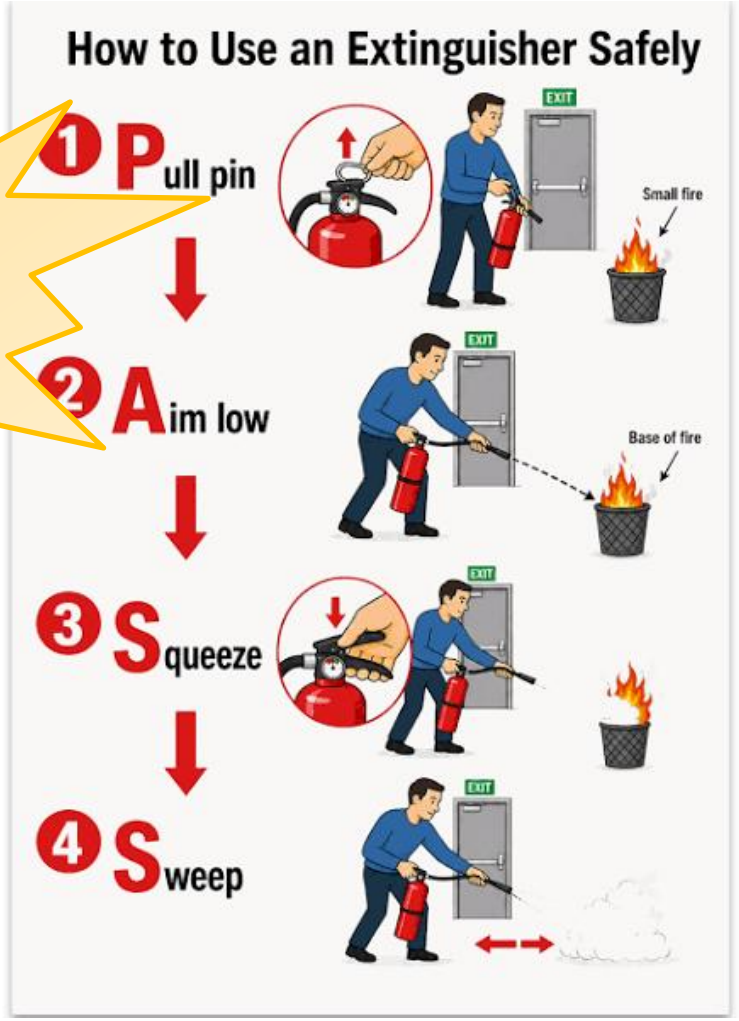
Don’t put lithium-ion batteries in direct sunlight or keep them in hot cars

How to Use a Fire Extinguisher Safely



Make sure your fire extinguisher should be used for your fire!

Only attempt to use a fire extinguisher if the fire is small and have an escape route!



If the Alarm Sounds, Think RACE

R

Rescue

Help anyone in immediate danger, only if safe

A

Alarm

Pull the alarm and call emergency services

C

Contain

Close doors to slow smoke and flames

E

Evacuate

Use the nearest exit and go to the muster point

Call 911 from a safe place. Give your location and what is burning.

Fire safety starts before the spark

Join the ECC Safety Committee!

- Help make a meaningful impact on safety across the engineering and construction industry.
- Share lessons learned, ideas, and best practices from your own experience.
- Collaborate with industry peers to identify practical ways to improve safety.
- Bring your unique perspective—**you don't have to be a safety professional to contribute!**

If you're passionate about safety and want to make a difference, we'd love to have you join us! Please reach out to Sarah Barker, sbarker@burnsmcd.com, and Jordoun Surratt, Jsurratt@cprs-inc.com, to join!

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