

Which extinguisher do I use when...

The how, what and why of extinguishers can be somewhat confusing. When faced with a fire and a number of extinguishers what do you use?

|  | CLASS A Flammable Solids - Paper/Plastic/ Wood | CLASS B Flammable Liquids - Paint/Petrol/ Oil | CLASS C Flammable Gases - Butane/CNG/ LPG | CLASS D Flammable Metals - Titanium/ Magnesium | CLASS E Electrical Equipment - Cables/ Computers | CLASS F Cooking Oils & Fats - Chip Pans/ Fryers |
|---|---|--|--|---|---|--|
| WATER | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ |
| WET CHEMICAL | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ |
| FOAM | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ⊙ |
| DRY POWDER | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ⊙ | ✓ | ⊙ |
| CARBON DIOXIDE | ⊙ | ⊙ | ⊙ | ⊙ | ✓ | ⊙ |



RECOMMENDED

This extinguisher is most effective on these types of fire.



LIMITED

This extinguisher MAY be effective on these types of fire.



UNSUITABLE

This extinguisher is NOT effective on these types of fire.

NB; as a rule of thumb only tackle a fire that is no larger than a waste paper basket. Always ensure a safe escape route and that Fire & Emergency have been called first.