Fire Extinguishers: Choosing the Right One

There are SIX different types of fire extinguishers. Each is labelled according to its contents.

In order to use the correct Fire Extinguisher, first you must know what type of fire you have:

- **Class A**: Materials that leave Ash Residue - wood, paper, cloth, rubbish, plastics, etc.
- **Class B**: Flammable Liquids - petrol, oils, grease, paint, methylated spirits, etc.
- **Class C**: Flammable Gases - LP Gas, hydrogen gas, natural gas, acetylene, etc.
- **Class D**: Flammable Metals - magnesium, sodium, etc.
- **Class E**: Electrical - switchboards, TV's, etc.
- **Class F**: Fires involving Cooking - oils, fats, etc.

Be prepared. Don't wait for a fire to start before you find out;

- What kinds of fire extinguishers you have and where they are located.
- What kind of extinguisher is right for each material you work with.

In all cases of fire - call the Fire Brigade. Dial 000

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