TOOLBOX TALK

FIRE EXTINGUISHER SAFETY ▼

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If a fire breaks out, there is no time to read instructions on the fire extinguisher's label. If you have not been trained to use a fire extinguisher, stay safe: Pull the fire alarm and exit the building.

If you have been trained to use a fire extinguisher, know which is closest to your work station. Make sure you can reach it quickly. Keep the following in mind:

Before you use a fire extinguisher:

- Pull the fire alarm to alert others
- Call 9-1-1
- Identify a partner to watch your back while you use the fire extinguisher and ensure that heat, smoke, fire or other dangers do not block your escape
- Locate your clear evacuation route if you cannot extinguish the fire

When using a fire extinguisher, remember the acronym "PASS":

- **P**ULL the retaining pin on the handle when 8 to 10 feet from the fire
- **A**IM the nozzle at the base of the fire
- **S**QUEEZE the handle
- **S**WEEP the extinguisher's contents at the base of the fire

If the contents of one extinguisher do not put out the fire, or if the fire escalates, evacuate the building immediately and report to your supervisor or fire warden that you are no longer inside.

OUR SITE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS/PROCEDURES ▼

Discussion Date: _____

Employee Participants:

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