TOOLBOX TALKS

***Fire Extinguishers***

Fire extinguishers come in many sizes and types. Choosing the right one depends on the location and type of fire you may face. The most common is an ABC dry powder fire extinguisher designed to be used on combustible materials such as paper and wood; flammable liquids such as paints; and electrical fires. There are other types such as water, foam, Carbon Dioxide (Co2), and wet foam used for special purposes. Let’s review some important tips.

*Presenter’s note: discuss the type of extinguisher (s) provided by your company.*

Extinguishers should be:

* Hanging where they can be easily seen;
* Located according to distance requirements;
* In a safe location not blocked by materials or where they can be damaged;
* In good condition and fully charged;
* Inspected monthly for signs of damage, placement, and state of readiness;
* Provided according to square footage requirements;
* Only used to fight beginning stage of small fires.