

FIRE

If you are carrying petrol, diesel or LPG in any quantities you will need a minimum 2kg dry powder fire extinguisher. However certain vehicles will carry two fire extinguishers. (Gas contracts require a minimum of 2x9kg dry powder fire extinguishers).

Dry powder fire extinguishers can be used on any type of fire.

When entering buildings, especially buildings that house electrical installations, CO₂ fire extinguishers will be present. CO₂ is the primary type of fire extinguisher for electrical fires.

Foam fire extinguishers may be present adjacent to fuel stores and the primary use is for fuel and flammable liquid fires.



REMEMBER ALWAYS FOLLOW EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Under no circumstances **MUST** water or foam fire extinguishers be used on electrical fires.

- Always ensure extinguishers are mounted on the correct bracket in an accessible and visible location.
- Only fight a fire with an extinguisher if it is safe to do so.
- If you have used your extinguisher and the fire is not out then withdraw to a safe distance and call for help.
- Where a pressure gauge is fitted, ensure it is checked regularly and make sure your fire extinguisher is pressurised.
- Make sure the safety pin remains in position to prevent accidental discharge.
- If you accidentally discharge the extinguisher, get it exchanged.
- Once the propellant cartridge inside is pierced the extinguisher will lose pressure even if it is still full.



All fire extinguishers **MUST** have an annual thorough examination by a competent person.

The fire extinguisher will have a label showing the most recent or next test date.

ALWAYS ENSURE YOU REGULARLY CHECK ALL FIRE EQUIPMENT AND EXCHANGE ANY EQUIPMENT THAT IS OUT OF DATE OR FAULTY