

FIRE

Fire Equipment

As soon as you start working in the Department, make certain that you know the location of the fire extinguishers and any other safety equipment and procedures (fire blankets, safety showers, break-glass alarms) in the area where you work and also in other areas of the Department. Familiarise yourself with the different types of fire extinguisher and their suitability for different types of fires.

EXTINGUISHER TYPE	TYPE	FOR USE AGAINST
Water	Red	Wood, paper, cloth fires Not electrical, oils, grease
Carbon dioxide	Red/black band	All fires at close range

- If the fire is not being brought under control, call out FIRE, activate alarm and evacuate immediately.
- If the heat sensors activate the alarms, but the fire is being brought under control, then continue to fight the fire. Leave the building when the fire is extinguished.
- If the fire alarm sounds for an emergency evacuation, and you are not involved in fighting the fire, turn off gas and electricity to your experiment and evacuate the building by the safest route.

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