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## Safe Work Practice

Name of Job: <b>Use Of Portable Fire Extinguishers</b>	Development Date: <b>February 24th, 2011</b>	Developed By: <b>CSNS</b>
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### Possible Hazards Present

Heat stress      Smoke Inhalation      Back injuries and other strains      overexertion

### Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Devices Recommended

Fire Retardant Gloves      Fire retardant Jacket and Pants /Boots      Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA).      Proximity suits,  
Helmet

### What are some good general safe work practices?

- **DO** ensure you are fully trained with operation and maintenance of fire extinguishers.
- **DO** check Cylinder.
- **DO** Inspect cartridge puncture cap.
- **DO** check the weight of the cartridge.
- **DO** check action of puncture lever. With cartridge removed.
- **DO** check hose and nozzle for obstruction.
- **DO** check the date of manufacture.
- **DO** check level and condition of powder.
- **DO** check fill-cap threads and gasket.
- **DO** attach visual seal.
- **DO** check Pressure Gauge.

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