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Safe Work Practice

Name of Job: Use of Portable Fire Extinguishers	Development Date:	Developed By:	Approved By:	Review Date:
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Possible Hazards Present

Heat stress	Smoke Inhalation	Back injuries and other strains	overexertion
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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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