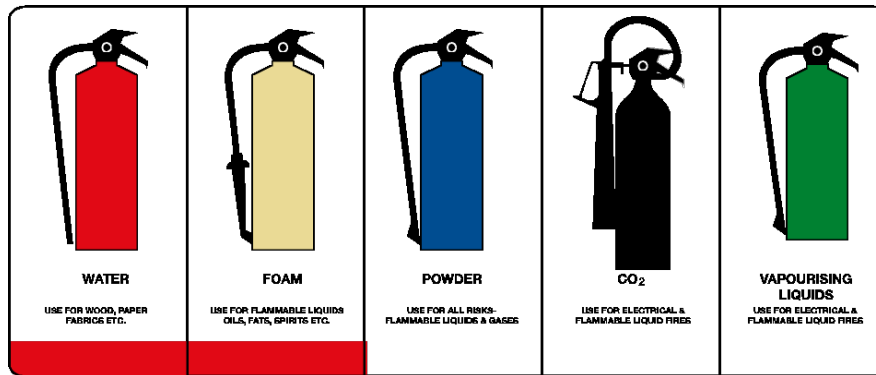
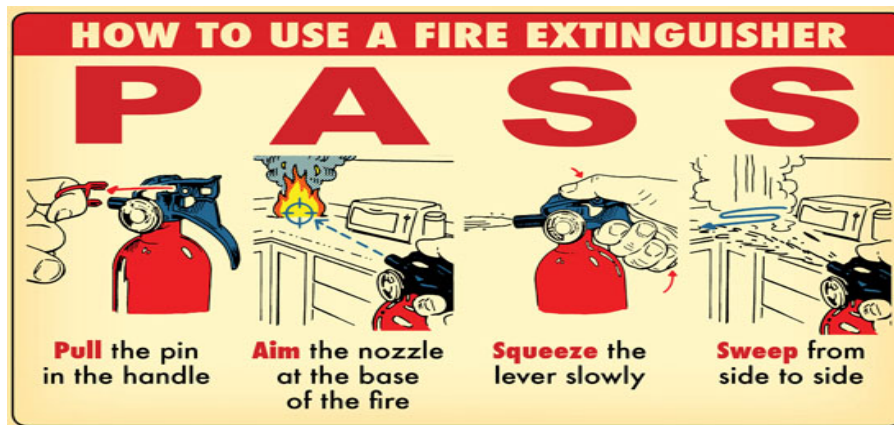


MILES OUT AT SEA, A FIRE EXTINGUISHER MAY BE YOUR VERY BEST FRIEND IF A FIRE BREAKS OUT ON YOUR VESSEL!

It may be the only thing that saves you from being forced into the water and being lost at sea. Are you sure your extinguisher is easily accessible? Do you have as many as you need? Are the extinguishers you have the right type?



Have they been properly inspected or are they expired? Are they fully charged? Do you know how to use and maintain them?



If your vessel is equipped with a dry chemical fire extinguisher, over time the powder needed to smother the fire can settle to the bottom and become a solid mass.

The powder should flow freely out of the nozzle when the extinguisher is triggered. **Before every ocean voyage**, invert your extinguishers and tap them on the bottom with a rubber mallet, and shake them to loosen the powder inside. They will work much more effectively. **Know before you go. Safety is no accident.**