

Customized training to suit your needs

The Portable Fire Extinguisher Training Course guides participants through the basic concepts of:

- Safe fire extinguisher operation
- Types of fires
- Fire composition
- Classes of extinguishers

The courses can be held either at Surrey Fire Service's Central Training Facility at 14915 64 Avenue or at your business (parking lot or exterior space required for the hands-on component).

Each session can accommodate up to 20 people and takes between 90 minutes to two hours, depending on class size. Back-to-back sessions may be arranged to train larger groups.

Pricing

Pricing includes a Certificate of Completion for each successful participant:

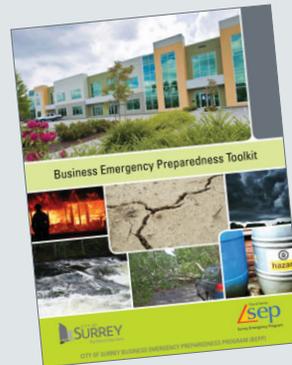
- \$45/student – up to 10 students
- \$40/student – 10 or more students



Protect your business with customized portable fire extinguisher training from Surrey Fire Service

Portable fire extinguishers are required by the Fire Code in most commercial/industrial occupancies. They're critical to protect lives and property, but do you and your employees know how to use them confidently and effectively?

The Surrey Fire Service provides customized hands-on training to ensure you are getting the most out of this important fire protection equipment. On-site training is available. Learn more about the course and safe extinguisher use inside this brochure.



Find the Business Emergency Preparedness Toolkit at www.surrey.ca/sep

More information about fire extinguisher training:
604-591-4031 or firesupport@surrey.ca

Surrey Fire Service Central Training Facility:
14915 64 Avenue



Portable Fire Extinguisher Training for Businesses



Types

Classes of Fires and Extinguishers

The classification system for fire extinguishers uses both letters and numbers:

- Letters indicate the classes of fires for which the extinguishers can be used.
- Numbers indicate the effectiveness of the extinguisher in the hands of a non-expert user. The higher the number, the more effective the extinguisher will be.



Ordinary combustibles – wood, paper, fabric, refuse, rubber, plastic



Flammable or combustible liquids – gasoline, grease, oil



Energized electrical equipment



Combustible metals



Kitchen fires involving oils and fats

An ABC extinguisher protects against a variety of types of fires.



Fire Extinguisher Safety Tips

Selection and Installation

- For the home, select a multi-purpose extinguisher (can be used on all types of home fires) that is large enough to put out a small fire, but not so heavy as to be difficult to handle.
- Choose a fire extinguisher that carries the label of an independent testing laboratory.
- Install fire extinguishers close to an exit to ensure a safe escape if the fire can't be controlled.
- Read the instructions that come with the fire extinguisher and become familiar with its parts and operation before a fire breaks out.
- Get training on safe extinguisher use for everyone in the building (home or businesses).

The Fire Triangle

The fire triangle consists of three necessary elements for fires to ignite: heat, fuel and an oxidizing agent (usually oxygen). A fire can be prevented or extinguished by removing any one of the elements in the fire triangle.



Fire extinguishers are only one element of a fire response plan.



The primary focus is safe escape. Every household and business should have a fire escape plan and **working smoke alarms**.

Use

- Before you fight a fire, make sure:
 - Everyone has vacated the building;
 - The fire department has been notified; and
 - The fire is small, confined and is not spreading.
- Remember the acronym **PASS** when operating an extinguisher:
 - **P**ull the pin
 - **A**im the hose at the base of the fire
 - **S**queeze the lever
 - **S**weep the hose from side to side
- Look for the nearest exit and keep your back to it so you can make a quick escape if necessary, without being disoriented.
- If the fire grows or the room fills with smoke, leave immediately.
- Even if you do manage to extinguish the flames, still have the fire department respond to make sure the fire is completely out.