



## Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



### Fire Extinguishers Safety Message

Even though your company may be equipped with automatic sprinklers or other means of fire protection, the portable fire extinguisher is the first line of defense in the control of fires at their start.

Most fires, in the beginning stage, can be extinguished easily with portable equipment, but only if the equipment is readily accessible and the employee knows how to use it. The reaction time, from when the fire is first realized, is extremely important. If time is wasted in a search for the proper fire extinguisher and a review of the operating instructions, a small, easily controlled fire will spread in size and intensity. The fire will get out of control and both lives and equipment will be endangered.