Portable Fire Extinguisher Guide

Two colour schemes exist for fire extinguishers			Class A	Class B	Class C	Class E	Class F	Red text indicates the class or classes in which the
Pre 1999	Post 1999	Exstinguishant	Wood, paper, plastic	Flammable and combustible liquids	Flammable gasses	Electrically energised equipment	Cooking oils and fats	agent is most effective.
		WATER	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	Dangerous if used on flammable liquid, energised electrical equipment and cooking oils and fats
		FOAM	YES	YES	NO	NO	LIMITED	Dangerous if used on energised electrical equipment
		POWDER	YES (ABE) NO (BE)	YES (ABE) YES (BE)	YES (ABE) YES (BE)	YES (ABE) YES (BE)	NO (ABE) LIMITED (BE)	Look carefully at the extinguisher to determine if it is a BE or ABE unit as the capability is different
		CARBON DIOXIDE	LIMITED	LIMITED	LIMITED	YES	LIMITED	Limited outdoor use
		VAPOURISING LIQUID	YES	LIMITED	LIMITED	YES	LIMITED	Check the characteristics of the specific extinguishing agent
		WET CHEMICAL	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	Dangerous if used on energised electrical equipment

LIMITED indicates that the extinguishant is not the agent of choice for the class of fire, but may have a limited extinguishing capability