


Colour chart and usage for the different types of fire extinguishers

- The table below shows the colours and uses for the different types of fire extinguishers in the UK
- All fire extinguishers are now red with a different coloured banding to show what they contain
- The table indicates what type of extinguisher should be used for the different classes of fire

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 Type Extinguisher Type	Fire Type						
	Class A Organic Materials (e.g Paper & Coal)	Class B Flammable Liquids (e.g Petrol & Paint)	Class C Flammable Gases (e.g Butane & Methane)	Class D Flammable Metals (e.g Lithium & Magnesium)	Electrical Electrical Equipment (e.g Computers & Servers)	Class F Cooking Oils (e.g Olive Oil & Fat)	Businesses that may need this type of Extinguisher
Water	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	- Schools - Hospitals - Offices - Shops
Foam	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	- Apartments - Hospitals - Offices - Shops
Dry Powder	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	- Garages - Welding - Boiler Rooms - LPG Plants
CO2	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	- Server Rooms - Offices
Wet Chemical	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	- Kitchens - Canteens