

PRACTICE 1

Situation: You work for Domestic Appliances Ltd, a company, which manufactures DAL fire extinguishers.

You have been asked to give a talk on fire prevention and fire safety to a group of business people in your local town. List the important details from the information below to refer to during your talk.

All our fire extinguishers are manufactured to a high specification providing excellent fire protection with assured performance. They are designed to be refilled when necessary and are fitted with a pressure gauge, indicating serviceability at a glance. It is important when you first purchase a fire extinguisher that you read the operating instructions carefully, so that you are familiar with how to use it because in the stress of a fire emergency, you may not have time to familiarise yourself. When installing a fire extinguisher in the home install it where it can be easily seen and reached in the event of a fire starting. Recommended installation areas include the hallway or on a landing or in the kitchen. It may even be appropriate to have an extinguisher on each floor. If you are fitting your extinguisher into a motor vehicle it must be positioned so that it is immediately accessible to the occupants of the vehicle at all times, consequently do not place it in the boot or any other location where access is restricted. It is important that all extinguishers are firmly fixed otherwise they could cause injury during a car accident. In the event of a fire our advice is to stop the vehicle in the safest position possible and to turn off the ignition. Get out of the vehicle and call the Fire Brigade immediately. Deal with the fire with your extinguisher only if it is safe to do so. If it is too intense, stand well back and leave it to the Fire Brigade. If the fire is in the engine compartment do not open the bonnet fully as a sudden rush of air will increase the size of the fire. If possible open the bonnet on its safety catch and point the extinguisher through the gap. The British Standard recommendation is that each extinguisher should be properly inspected annually.