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Dear Sir/Madam

**PROVISION OF PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS IN BUILDINGS**

We have received feedback from a member of the public that there have been instances of incorrect type of fire extinguishers being installed in industrial and commercial buildings. For example, gaseous fire extinguishers (Carbon dioxide type), which are meant for dealing with Class B and C fire (flammable liquid and electrical fire), are being installed in office occupancies to deal with Class A fire ( fire involving wood, paper, rubber, etc.). For office occupancies, ABC dry chemical powder type fire extinguishers should be used.

2. The appropriate type of fire extinguishers for the protection of an occupancy shall be selected based on the likely fire potentials (Class A, B, C, or D) that may be present. Qualified persons should refer to Singapore Standard CP 55 for guidance.

4. Please convey the contents of this circular to members of your Institution/Association/Board/Organisation. The circular is also available in CORENET-einfo: <http://www.corenet.gov.sg/einfo>.

5. For any inquiry or clarification, please contact the undersigned at tel no: 68481409 or e-mail address: [Teo\\_Lim\\_Teck@scdf.gov.sg](mailto:Teo_Lim_Teck@scdf.gov.sg)

Yours faithfully

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