

Welcome to this year's **emergency equipment review**.

During this **rotation**, you will have an opportunity to review all types of **fire equipment**.

Before we begin our **hands-on tasks**, let's review our **preflight responsibilities** for various types of fire equipment. You can find information on **fire equipment** using the following

IFM path: **Equipment > Fire Extinguishers & Fire Equipment**

Let's review **the "Description and Preflight" section for halons**.

Preflighting the **2.5lb** halon and **9lb** halon fire extinguishers includes:

- checking they are present and secure
- they (may be sealed with copper/wire seal or a red or yellow lock seal)
- the pin is secured between the **handles**
- the pressure gauge registers in the **green band**.

These extinguishers can be used on Class B and C fires and can be used as a backup on Class A.

I will now demonstrate how to operate the **2.5lb halon**. I/E Note: Demonstrate operating 2.5 halon:

- Pull pin from **lever**
- Hold bottle upright and support base
- Place thumb on top of the **lever**
- Squeeze the **lever** and spray at the base of the fire with a side to side sweeping motion.

The same principles apply to the **9lb** halon, the only deviation is how the 9lb halon is **operated**.

- After the pin is pulled from the lever, you will need to free the **hose** from the **side of the bottle**.

I will demonstrate this now. I/E Note: Demonstrate operating 9lb halon

- Pull pin from **lever**
- Free the **hose** from the **side of the bottle**
- Hold bottle upright with one hand on the **lever**, the other hand holding on to the **extinguisher hose**
- Place thumb on top of the **lever**
- Squeeze the **lever** and spray at the base of the fire with a side to side sweeping motion

Here are a few **items to remember** if you ever need to extinguish a fire with a halon fire extinguisher:

- begin using the fire extinguisher **no more than eight feet from the fire** and while spraying the base of the fire,
- **move closer** as the fire becomes **extinguished**.

Keep in mind the halon **empties quickly** and the average discharge time is **9-10 seconds**. You may need to use **additional units** to ensure the fire is **completely extinguished**.

May I answer any questions about the 2.5lb halon or 9lb halon fire extinguisher?