



SUPPLEMENTAL RULES & REGULATIONS

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SCOPE:

Portable fire extinguishers are intended as a first line of defense for fires of limited size. This regulation addresses the inspection, maintenance, and recharging of fire extinguishers. The procedure for inspection and maintenance of fire extinguishers varies considerably. These factors are of prime importance in ensuring operation at the time of a fire.

GENERAL:

The owner, designated agent or occupant shall be responsible for ensuring proper inspection, maintenance, and recharging of all fire extinguishers located at the property. Minimal knowledge is necessary for persons performing 30-day manual inspections.

30-day inspections shall include a check of the following items:

- Extinguisher is mounted on a wall and located in an area that is visible and has no obstructions.
- Pressure gauge reading or indicator in the operable range or position (green)
- Verify that operating instructions on nameplates are legible and face outward
- Check for broken or missing safety seals and tamper indicators
- Examination for obvious physical damage, corrosion, leakage, or clogged nozzle
- The date the manual inspection was performed and the initials of the person performing the inspection shall be recorded on a tag or label attached to the fire extinguisher
- Records shall be kept on any fire extinguisher found that require corrective action
- When an inspection of a fire extinguisher reveals a deficiency, immediate corrective action shall be taken. The actual servicing and recharging of fire extinguishers shall be performed by trained certified persons having the appropriate servicing manual(s), the proper type tools, recharge materials, lubricants, and manufacturer's recommended replacement parts or parts specifically listed for use in the fire extinguisher.