

Portable Fire Extinguishers Location

The International Fire Code requires all occupancies (except R-2 Occupancies – see the fire code for more detailed information) to have portable fire extinguishers readily available and functioning with maximum efficiency without hazard to the user.



Portable fire extinguishers must have a minimum size or rating of 2-A; 10-B; C, or larger based upon hazard. All portable fire extinguishers shall be installed on hangers, brackets, or mounted in approved cabinets. Extinguishers weighing less than 40 pounds shall be installed with their tops not higher than 60" above the floor; extinguishers weighing more than 40 pounds shall be mounted with their tops no higher than 42" above the floor. In both cases the bottom of the fire extinguishers shall be not less than 4" from the floor.

When portable fire extinguishers are not readily visible, a sign indicating the location of the extinguisher(s) must be installed to show their location.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER INSPECTION RECORD		
EXTINGUISHER NUMBER	YEAR	YEAR
JANUARY		
FEBRUARY		
MARCH		
APRIL		
MAY		
JUNE		
JULY		
AUGUST		
SEPTEMBER		
OCTOBER		
NOVEMBER		
DECEMBER		

Monthly Inspection

Inspection of portable fire extinguishers shall be done monthly by owners/occupants to ensure that each fire extinguisher is in good working order. This inspection should include the following verifications:

- Appropriate extinguisher placement and location
- The extinguisher is visible and accessible to everyone
- Seals and tamper indicators are in place and unbroken
- The extinguisher gauge indicator is in the green, and an inspection tag is displayed.

The person doing the inspection shall date when the monthly inspection was performed and initial the record. Inspection records shall be kept onsite for the last 12 months.

Annual Service

Annual maintenance, servicing, and (recharging if needed) shall be performed by a trained certified maintenance technician*, who has access to the appropriate servicing manual(s), proper types of tools, recharging materials, lubricants, and manufacturer's recommended replacement parts specific for each type of portable fire extinguisher on the premises.

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Fire Extinguisher

In addition to annual maintenance by a certified technician, a six (6) year service, and a twelve (12) year hydrostatic test is required for all dry chemical extinguishers. A five (5) year hydrostatic test on stored pressure water extinguishers and Class K fire extinguishers are also required. Servicing and hydrostatic testing must always be conducted by a certified service personnel. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call 425-296-6600.

Examples of acceptable certified maintenance technician include:

- ICC Certified Fire Extinguisher Technician
- Seattle Fire Department licensed to service fire extinguishers

Additional Information

King County Department of Local Services, [Permitting Division](#)

[On-line Permit Status, Invoice Payment and Inspection Scheduling](#)

[IVR Inspection Scheduling, phone number and codes](#)

