

OVERVIEW OF FACT SHEET

The purpose of this fact sheet is to inform the Facilities Maintenance staff about the importance for standardization of our Fire Extinguisher Inspection Program.



VISUAL INSPECTIONS- MONTHLY

[29CFR1910.157(e)]

Visually inspect portable extinguishers or hoses, monthly.

NFPA 10 6.2.1* Frequency

Fire extinguishers shall be inspected when initially placed in service and thereafter at approximately 30- day intervals.

[29CFR1910.157(f)(1)]

The employer shall assure that hydrostatic testing is performed by trained persons with suitable testing equipment and facilities.

Inspection and Maintenance of Portable Fire Extinguishers

NFPA 10 6.2.2- Inspection Procedures

Confirm the extinguisher is visible, unobstructed, and in its designated location.

Verify the locking pin is intact and the tamper seal is unbroken.

Examine the extinguisher for obvious physical damage, corrosion, leakage, or clogged nozzle.

Confirm the pressure gauge or indicator is in the operable range or position and lift the extinguisher to ensure it is still full.

Make sure the operating instructions on the nameplate are legible and facing outward.

Check the last professional service date on the tag. (A licensed fire extinguisher maintenance contractor must have inspected the unit within the past 12 months.)

Initial and date the back of the tag.

DATE EX.: MM/YY

Yearly Inspections require hydrostatic testing by trained persons.

Internal Maintenance Inspection 5-6 -12 years.

