

PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHER MONTHLY INSPECTIONS

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- NFPA 10 (National Fire Protection Association) is the standard for portable fire extinguishers.
- Requires monthly visual inspections
- Requires 6 year maintenance and 12 year hydrostatic tests

REQUIRED MAINTENANCE

- The 2010 version of NFPA 10 in paragraph 7.1 states, *The owner or his agent is responsible for inspecting and maintaining the portable fire extinguishers. Persons performing maintenance and recharge shall be certified. Certification requires passing a test administered by an organization acceptable to the AHJ.*
- *7.1.2.3 Persons performing 30 day inspections shall not be required to be certified.*

- Minimal knowledge is necessary to perform a monthly “quick check”
- Monthly “quick check” is required to be documented.
- Lets inspect an extinguisher for the required monthly visual inspection.

MONTHLY INSPECTIONS

- Located in designated place
- No obstruction to access
- Operating instructions on the nameplate are legible
- Safety seals and tamper indicators not broken or missing and have to be of an approved material. You cannot use wire for a safety seal.
- Examine for obvious physical damage or corrosion

PROCEDURE

- Fullness determined by lifting
- Pressure gauge reading or indicator in the operable position
- Label is in place
- The discharge hose is not cracked or broken.
- The extinguisher is not overdue for required annual, six year, or 12 year maintenance 5 year if it is a CO2 extinguisher.

- Metal tags
- Paper tags
- Plastic tags

The tag must have the inspector's initials and the month and year.

DOCUMENT THE MONTHLY CHECK

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