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FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

All businesses and apartment buildings are required to install and maintain a minimum of one 2A:10BC rated fire extinguisher, mounted in an approved manner in an approved location. Fire extinguishers shall be mounted so that the top of the extinguisher is between 3-1/2 feet and 5 feet from the floor.

Fire extinguishers shall not be obstructed or obscured from view. In rooms or areas in which visual obstruction cannot be completely avoided, means shall be provided to indicate the locations of extinguishers. Fire extinguishers shall be located in conspicuous locations where they will be readily accessible and immediately available for use. These locations shall be along normal paths of travel, preferably near an exit door. The travel distance to an extinguisher shall not exceed 75 feet and they are required to be located on each floor level.

Where extinguishers are subject to malicious use or damage, locked cabinets may be used provided they allow a means of ready access. The cabinets shall have approved/listed components to ensure the extinguishers are accessible in the event of an emergency. Validation that the cabinets are in compliance will be the responsibility of the servicing company at the time of annual inspection.

INSPECTION AND SERVICING

Fire extinguishers are required to be serviced by a state certified fire extinguisher technician annually and after each use. A tag must be placed on the fire extinguisher by the technician, and must remain on the extinguisher for the fire inspector to view. Additionally, a Service Collar is placed on all stored pressure dry chemical extinguishers at the time of the 'six year' internal inspection. New fire extinguishers shall have a service tag within 12 months of day of manufacture. If day of manufacture is not known, extinguisher shall be serviced and tagged when placed in service.