



OSHA Fire Extinguisher Compliance Checklist

(29 CFR 1910.157)



General Requirements

- All portable fire extinguishers are approved and listed by a recognized testing laboratory
- Extinguishers are mounted, located, and identified so they are readily accessible
- Extinguishers are fully charged and operable at all times
- No prohibited extinguishing agents (e.g., carbon tetrachloride, chlorobromomethane) are in use

Selection & Placement

Extinguishers are selected based on hazard type:

CLASS A	CLASS B	CLASS C	CLASS D	CLASS K
Ordinary combustibles (wood, paper, cloth)	Flammable liquids (oil, gasoline)	Electrical equipment	Combustible metals	Cooking oils and fats (commercial kitchens)

- Class A: Within 75 ft of employees
- Class B: Within 50 ft of hazard
- Class C: Based on Class A/B requirements
- Class D: Within 75 ft of hazard
- Class K: Within 30 ft of cooking equipment

- Extinguishers are visible and accessible, with signage if not immediately obvious





Inspection & Maintenance

- Monthly visual inspections completed and documented
- Annual maintenance check by a qualified person
- Hydrostatic testing performed at required intervals (per OSHA and manufacturer)
- Inspection and maintenance records are maintained

Emergency Planning

- Fire extinguisher use is consistent with company's Emergency Action Plan
- If evacuation-only policy applies, it is written and communicated to all employees

Training Requirements

- Employees expected to use extinguishers have received initial training on proper use
- Annual refresher training is provided
- Training includes PASS method and hazard awareness
- Training records are maintained and accessible

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