

Fire Extinguisher Requirements



Article 36 Fire Protection and Prevention §1922 Portable Fire Fighting Equipment.

- (a) Fire Extinguishers and Small Hose Lines.
(1) A fire extinguisher, rated not less than 2A, shall be provided for each 3,000 square feet of the floor area, or fraction thereof. Where the floor area is less than 3,000 square feet at least one extinguisher shall be provided. Travel distance from any point of the protected area to the nearest fire extinguisher shall not exceed 75 feet.

One 55-gallon open container of water with two fire pails may be substituted for a fire extinguisher having a 2A rating.

A 3/4-inch diameter garden-type hose line, not to exceed 75 feet in length and equipped with an adjustable nozzle, may be substituted for a 2A-rated fire extinguisher, provided it is connected to a reliable water pressure system capable of discharging a minimum, continuous flow of 5 gallons per minute with a minimum hose stream range of 30 feet horizontally. The garden-type hose lines shall be mounted on conventional racks or reels. The number and location of

hose racks or reels shall be such that at least one hose stream can be applied to all points in the floor area.

At least one fire extinguisher rated not less than 2A, shall be provided on each floor. In multi-story buildings, at least one fire extinguisher shall be located adjacent to the stairway at each floor level.

Exception: Single family residential dwellings other than apartments, lodging houses, hotels or dormitories provided that there is at least one fire extinguisher rated not less than 2A, or the equivalent, available at the job site during working hours.

Portable fire extinguishers shall be inspected monthly or at more frequent intervals, and serviced at least annually by a person licensed or registered by the State Fire Marshal as required by the Health and Safety code, Division 12, Part 2, Chapter 1.5, Articles 2,3, and 6.



