

Portable Fire Extinguishers

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- ☐ ☐ 1. Has the employer provided portable fire extinguishers and are they mounted, located and identified so that they are readily accessible to employees without subjecting the employees to possible injury?
1910.157(c)(1)
- ☐ ☐ 2. Are only approved portable fire extinguishers used? 1910.157(c)(2)
- ☐ ☐ 3. Does the employer not provide or make available in the workplace portable fire extinguishers using carbon tetrachloride or chlorobromomethane extinguishing agents?
1910.157(c)(3)
- ☐ ☐ 4. Does the employer assure that portable fire extinguishers are maintained in a fully charged and operable condition and kept in their designated places at all times except during use? 1910.157(c)(4)
- ☐ ☐ 5. Does the employer remove from service all soldered or riveted shell self-generating soda acid or self-generating foam or gas cartridge water type portable fire extinguishers which are operated by inverting the extinguisher to rupture the cartridge or to initiate an uncontrollable pressure generating chemical reaction to expel the agent?
1910.157(c)(5)
- ☐ ☐ 6. Are portable fire extinguishers provided for employee use and selected and distributed based on the classes of anticipated workplace fires and on the size and degree of hazard which would affect their use?
1910.157(d)(1)
- ☐ ☐ 7. Does the employer distribute portable fire extinguishers for use by employees on Class A fires so that the travel distance for employees to any extinguisher is 75 feet (22.9 m) or less? 1910.157(d)(2)
- ☐ ☐ 8. Does the employer distribute portable fire extinguishers for use by employees on Class B fires so that the travel distance from the Class B hazard area to any extinguisher is 50 feet (15.2 m) or less?
1910.157(d)(4)

- ☐ ☐ 9. Does the employer use uniformly spaced standpipe systems or hose stations connected to a sprinkler system installed for emergency use by employees instead of Class A portable fire extinguishers, provided that such systems meet the respective requirements of 1910.158 or 1910.159, that they provide total coverage of the area to be protected, and that employees are trained at least annually in their use? 1910.157(d)(3)
- ☐ ☐ 10. Does the employer distribute portable fire extinguishers used for Class C hazards on the basis of the appropriate pattern for the existing Class A or Class B hazards? 1910.157(d)(5)
- ☐ ☐ 11. Does the employer distribute portable fire extinguishers or other containers of Class D extinguishing agent for use by employees so that the travel distance from the combustible metal working area to any extinguishing agent is 75 feet (22.9 m) or less? 1910.157(d)(6)
- ☐ ☐ 12. Are portable fire extinguishers for Class D hazards required in those combustible metal working areas where combustible metal powders, flakes, shavings, or similarly sized products are generated at least once every 2 weeks? 1910.157(d)(6)

Inspection, maintenance and testing

- ☐ ☐ 13. Is the employer responsible for the inspection, maintenance and testing of all portable fire extinguishers in the workplace? 1910.157(e)(1)
- ☐ ☐ 14. If portable extinguishers or hose are used are they visually inspected monthly? 1910.157(e)(2)
- ☐ ☐ 15. Does the employer assure that portable fire extinguishers are subjected to an annual maintenance check? 1910.157(e)(3)
- ☐ ☐ 16. Does the employer record the annual maintenance date and retain this record for one year after the last entry or the life of the shell, whichever is less? 1910.157(e)(3)

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- ☐ ☐ 37. Does the employer maintain and provide upon request to the Assistant Secretary evidence that the required hydrostatic testing of fire extinguishers has been performed at the time intervals shown in Table L-1? 1910.157(f)(16)
- ☐ ☐ 38. Is such evidence in the form of a certification record which includes the date of the test, the signature of the person who performed the test and the serial number, or other identifier, of the fire extinguisher that was tested? 1910.157(f)(16)
- ☐ ☐ 38. Are such records kept until the extinguisher is hydrostatically retested at the time interval specified in Table L-1 or until the extinguisher is taken out of service, whichever comes first? 1910.157(f)(16)

- ☐ ☐ 39. Where the employer has provided portable fire extinguishers for employee use in the workplace, does the employer also provide an educational program to familiarize employees with the general principles of fire extinguisher use and the hazards involved with incipient stage fire fighting? 1910.157(g)(1)
- ☐ ☐ 40. Does the employer provide the education required in paragraph (g)(1) of this section upon initial employment and at least annually thereafter? 1910.157(g)(2)
- ☐ ☐ 41. Does the employer provide employees who have been designated to use fire fighting equipment as part of an emergency action plan with training in the use of the appropriate equipment? 1910.157(g)(3)
- ☐ ☐ 42. Does the employer provide the training required in paragraph (g)(3) of this section upon initial assignment to the designated group of employees and at least annually thereafter? 1910.157(g)(4)

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