

## Monthly Portable Fire Extinguisher Inspection

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### Definition

Inspection: A "quick check" that a fire extinguisher is available and will operate. It is intended to give reasonable assurance that the fire extinguisher is fully charged and operable.

The monthly inspection of fire extinguishers must detail the visual condition of the extinguisher.

- Is the fire extinguisher in the correct location?
  - Are seals or tamper indicators intact?
- Pressure gauge reading or indicators in the operable range and position.
- Are labels and instructional signs present and legible?
  - Are all hoses and nozzles present and in apparently functional condition?
  - Is the hydrostatic test date current? (hydrostatic testing must be performed every 5 years.)
  - Is access blocked or can the extinguisher be easily obtained in an emergency?
  - Is there a service tag showing the last date of service and is that date current?
  - Is there an inspection tag?
  - HMIS label in place? (HMIS =hazardous materials identification systems) HMIS label are affixed by our service company.

Initial tag on back and date of visual inspection. If an extinguisher is defective or is missing it must be replaced immediately. Make sure the replacement extinguisher has been serviced within the past year, is tagged, signed, and has a HMIS label by our service company.