

Fire Prevention Division

Guideline No. 10.005

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PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

A. Scope and Purpose

Establishes minimum requirements for the installation of portable fire extinguishers in commercial and multi-family occupancies.

B. Code Authority

International Fire Code section 906 and National Fire Code chapter 10.

C. Special Provisions

1. At least one extinguisher with a minimum rating of 2-A; 10-BC for every 3,000 square feet of floor area or fraction thereof, of each floor level on the premises.
2. Extinguishers must be located so that one is within seventy-five (75') feet of travel distance from any point or location in the building, and mounted on a wall so that the top of the extinguisher is no higher than five (5') feet above the floor level.
3. The established extinguishing capacity needed for a given problem or area shall be met with one extinguisher.

EXAMPLE: Two 1-A; 5-BC extinguishers are not acceptable to provide a required 2-A; 10-BC rating.

4. Specific requirements
 - a. See IFC Table 906.