



**There are  
FOUR  
classes of fire  
extinguishers  
you should be  
familiar with.**

### **Class A**

Ordinary combustibles such as wood, cloth, paper and rubber.

### **Class B**

Flammable liquids such as gasoline, oil, solvents and oil-based paints.

### **Class C**

Energized electrical equipment such as wiring, fuse boxes and appliances.

### **Class D**

Combustible metals such as magnesium.

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**A reference for workers  
regarding the  
Ontario Fire Code**

# **Fire Protection Equipment Fire Extinguishers**

**What you  
need to  
know!**



### **Maintenance**

6.2.1.2. Portable extinguishers shall be kept operable and fully charged.

### **Location**

6.2.1.3. Portables shall be located so they are easily seen and shall be accessible at all times.

### **Lockable Cabinets**

6.2.1.3. A lockable, break front glazed cabinet may be used for security purposes to store portable extinguishers and where portable extinguishers are located in a fire hose cabinet, an approved lockable, scored glass break-front cabinet may be used.

6.2.1.4. Portable extinguishers shall be located in or adjacent to corridors or aisles that provide access to exits.

### **Signs**

6.2.1.5 The location of portable extinguishers shall be prominently indicated by signs or markings in large floor areas and locations where visual obstructions cannot be avoided.

6.2.1.6. Portable extinguishers in proximity to a fire hazard shall be

located in a position so as not to be accessible without exposing the operator to undue risk.

### **Corrosive Atmosphere**

6.2.1.7. Portable extinguishers that are subject to damage in a corrosive atmosphere shall not be installed where a corrosive atmosphere exists unless supplementary corrosion protection that will protect the portable extinguisher is provided.

### **Temperature Range Requirements**

6.2.1.8.(1) Where a portable extinguisher is to be located in an area subject to temperatures outside the range 4C to 49C it shall be

- (a) placed in an enclosure where the temperature is maintained within the range, or
- (b) of a type labelled for the temperatures to which it will be exposed.

### **Mounting Brackets**

6.2.1.9. When portable extinguishers are located on vehicles or in areas where they are subject to jarring or vibration, brackets

designed to accommodate these effects shall be used.

### **Distance Above Floor**

6.2.4.2. Portable extinguishers with a gross weight greater than 18kg shall be installed so that the top of the extinguisher is no more than 1.1m above the floor when the extinguisher is not equipped with wheels.

6.2.4.3. Portable extinguishers having a gross weight of 18 kg or less shall be installed so that the top of the extinguisher is no more than 1.5 m above the floor.

### **Examination**

6.2.7.2. Portable extinguishers shall be inspected every month.

### **Tags**

6.2.7.4.(1) Each portable extinguisher shall have a tag securely attached to it showing the maintenance or recharge date, the servicing agency and the signature of the person who performed the service.

### **Maintenance after use**

6.2.7.6. Portable extinguishers shall be replaced and recharged after use in conformance with instructions given on the extinguisher name-