



**OKLAHOMA CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**FIRE PREVENTION SERVICES**  
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## **PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS**

Portable Fire Extinguishers for the purpose of this guideline shall conform to the current International Fire Code (IFC), as adopted and amended by the Oklahoma City Fire Department, the City of Oklahoma City Municipal Codes and NFPA 10-Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers, 2002 Edition. **Portable fire extinguishers shall be installed in all multi-family residential occupancies.**

Fire extinguishers can represent an important segment of any overall fire protection program. However, their successful functioning depends upon the following conditions having been met:

1. The fire extinguisher is properly located and in working order.
2. The fire extinguisher is of the proper type for a fire that can occur.
3. The fire is discovered while still small enough for the fire extinguisher to be effective.
4. The fire is discovered by a person ready, willing, and able to use the fire extinguisher.

### **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Portable fire extinguishers shall be maintained in a fully charged and operable condition, and kept in their designated places at all times when they are not being used.
2. Fire extinguishers shall be conspicuously located where they will be readily accessible and immediately available in the event of fire. Preferably they shall be located along normal paths of travel, including exits from areas, and within the **required 75 feet travel distance**.
3. Hand-held portable fire extinguishers, not housed in cabinets, shall be installed on the hangers or brackets supplied. Cabinets housing fire extinguishers shall not be locked. *Exception: Where fire extinguishers are subject to malicious use, locked cabinets shall be permitted to be used, provided they include means of emergency access.*
4. Fire extinguishers having a gross weight not exceeding 40 lb. shall be installed so that the top of the fire extinguisher is not more than 5 feet above the floor.
5. Extinguisher operating instructions shall be located on the front of the extinguisher and be clearly visible. Fire extinguishers mounted in cabinets shall be placed so that the fire extinguisher operating instructions face outward, and the location of such fire extinguishers shall be marked conspicuously.

### **RECOMMENDED SIZE:**

1. Breezeways and Common Areas (2-A: 10-B: C or higher rating)

**OR**

2. Inside each residential unit (1-A: 10-B: C or higher rating)

\*Can be purchased at Home Depot, Wal-Mart, etc: non-rechargeable with a six-year use life.