



City of Costa Mesa  
**Fire Prevention**  
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## **FIRE EXTINGUISHER INFORMATION**

### **Portable Fire Extinguishers:**

1. Portable fire extinguishers shall be installed in all businesses and locations as set forth in Section 906 of the California Fire Code.
2. Portable fire extinguishers located in general office and mercantile areas shall be provided with a multiple-purpose dry chemical agent that provides a minimum Rating classification of 2A-10B:C.
3. The maximum travel distance to portable fire extinguishers within general office and mercantile areas shall not exceed 75-feet. Extinguishers shall be located adjacent to emergency exits where possible.
4. A minimum of one (1) "K – Type" portable fire extinguisher shall be located within 30- feet of commercial hood and duct fire suppression system locations.
5. Portable fire extinguishers shall be installed on the hangers provided or within an approved storage cabinets. Cabinets housing extinguishers shall not be locked unless they are provided with a means of emergency access.
6. Portable fire extinguishers shall be installed so that the top of the extinguisher is no more than 5 feet, and no less than 3 feet above the floor. Portable fire extinguishers having a gross weight greater than 40 pounds shall be so installed that the top of the extinguisher is not more than 3-feet, 6-inches from the floor.
7. Portable fire extinguishers mounted in cabinets or on brackets shall be placed in such a manner that the extinguisher operating instructions face outward.
8. Portable fire extinguishers shall not be obstructed or obscured from view. In large rooms, and in certain locations where visual obstruction cannot completely be avoided, an approved sign, which states FIRE EXTINGUISHER, shall be located above the extinguisher.
9. Portable fire extinguishers installed shall have a service tag, and internal maintenance tag affixed to them from a California State Fire Marshal registered fire extinguisher concern prior to final occupancy approval by the fire department. Fire extinguishers shall be serviced on an annual basis in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 19.