

Portable Fire Extinguishers (FX): Monthly Visual Inspection

OSHA 1910.157 (e)(2) requires a monthly visual inspection of each FX, which may be done by assigned employees. The inspection shall evaluate the conditions listed below. Record the monthly inspection on the back of the orange card attached to the FX.

Inspector: _____

Date: _____

Dept: _____

Work Site: _____

FX Location: _____

- ___ FX is properly signed and in designated location
- ___ No obstruction to FX access/visibility; 24" clearance around FX, including floor space
- ___ FX is clean and has no items hanging on/around it
- ___ Seals, pin and tamper indicators are present and intact
- ___ No obvious physical damage, corrosion or leakage
- ___ For vehicle or outside FX, unscrew the hose and blow through it forcefully to expel anything that may clog the hose/nozzle.
- ___ Pressure gauge reading or indicator is in the operable (green) range.
- ___ The dry powder in ABC FX tends to "cake" over time, hindering optimal performance of the unit in an emergency. Any caking can be easily be loosened by turning the FX upside down several times and/or holding the FX upside down and tapping the unit with a rubber mallet.
- ___ Orange inspection card is attached (ask Facilities Mgmt for additional cards)
- ___ Annual inspection date punched by United Fire on the orange card is valid and current
- ___ Monthly inspections are recorded on back of orange card:
 - a. Date
 - b. FX condition (re-charge, ok, need annual, etc.)
 - c. Name of inspector

Any FX that does not pass inspection needs to be immediately marked out of service and replaced.

For FX service, submit a Facilities Mgmt work order; they will contact United Fire as needed.

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