

# Fire Extinguisher Servicing Information Card For the Consumer



Information for the consumer on their rights concerning the servicing of fire extinguishers




This page is provided for you to document your extinguishers. You can list them by manufacturer's name, serial numbers, type and the company you have authorized to service them.

Place this where all your employees can locate it and when someone approaches your staff, they will know who to let service the extinguishers.

Name of company and telephone number for your authorized fire extinguisher service company

Manufacturer      Serial #      Type

External Service Tag

DO NOT REMOVE BY ORDER OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL		 Type _____ EE _____ (Cert. Reg. No.) _____ (Signature) Name and Address of Firm		2014
16	1			NOV
17	2	OCT		
18	3	SEP		
19	4	AUG		
20	5	JUL		
21	6	JUN		
22	7	MAY		
23	8	APR		
24	9	MAR		
25	10	FEB		
26	11	JAN		
27	12	2010		
28	13	ANNUAL MAINTENANCE PERFORMED <input type="checkbox"/>		
29	14	NEW EXTINGUISHER <input type="checkbox"/>		
30	15			
31				

Tags will be of different colors

Certificate of Registration



This will have the photo and name of the technician it is issued to. The current year will be on the back side

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## Rules and Regulations

You as a consumer have the right to choose who you wish to service your portable fire extinguishers. There is no law stating which company you have to use. The portable fire extinguishers belong to you,

The law requires fire extinguishers to be serviced or maintained once each year or after it is used. **Section 13190.3 H&S/575.1 CCR T-19 & 575.4 CCR T-19**

When representatives of a fire extinguisher company arrive they should identify themselves and what company they work for. (*Ask for their identification card, C of R, you have the right to know who is in your business* )

A company that charges for the servicing of fire extinguishers must have a current, state-issued license to do so. **Sec 13163 H&S** (*Cal Health & Safety*)

Each person who represents a service company and who is servicing fire extinguishers must have a current **Certificate of Registration** with them. **Section 13175 H&S and 595.11 CCR T-19.**

If your fire extinguisher is removed from your business, it must be replaced by a similar type and size until yours is returned. Your extinguisher must be returned within 60 days. **Section 575.10 & 591.5 CCR.** (*Calif. Code of Regulations*)

When you or a fire extinguisher company discovers a deficiency or problem with your extinguisher, corrective action to fix that problem must be taken at once. A damaged or broken fire extinguisher will not give you any protection. **Section 574.3 CCR.**

Fire extinguishers must be mounted in plain sight and easy to access. The top of the extinguisher cannot be more than 5 feet off of the floor. The bottom has to be at least 4 inches off of the floor. They can be mounted on a hanging bracket or in an enclosed box. **Section 567.4 & 567.6 CCR**

If you see corrosion, rust or physical damage on an extinguisher, it must be checked at once by a licensed, portable fire extinguisher servicing company. Remember, most extinguishers have pressure inside the metal cylinder. **Section 591.2 CCR**

When the fire extinguisher servicing company performs the yearly examination, it must physically weigh each extinguisher to insure you have the proper amount of fire-fighting gas or powder inside the extinguisher. It must examine the extinguisher for damage or corrosion. The service technician must check to see if it requires a hydrostatic test and that it is the proper extinguisher for the proper location; and that it is mounted properly and securely. No portable fire extinguisher is allowed to be serviced more than 30 days earlier than what is punched out on the external service tag without your authorization. The only exception is when it is damaged or used. If you are charged for any parts, you have the right to have those parts returned to you before the service technician leaves. **Section 575.1 (a-h) CCR.**

Most business and offices use an ABC type fire extinguisher. This means it is used on type A, ordinary combustibles, type B, burning liquids, and type C, electrical fires. If you have a question, you can always call your local fire department and ask them what type extinguisher is best for your needs.

Remember, the fire extinguisher at your business is yours and cannot be removed without your specific approval.

If you feel you have been victimized by a fire extinguisher company or service technician, please call your local fire department and advise the fire prevention unit.

The above information is intended to make your workplace a safer environment for you, your employees and customers.



## Servicing of Extinguishers

The majority of portable fire extinguishers used in businesses today are the ABC dry powder type. The extinguishers listed below are for special purposes and applications.

Dry powder extinguishers ..every 6 years or after use

Class K.....every 5 years (Service & Hydro)

## Hydrostatic testing of Extinguishers

Dry powder extinguishers...	Every 12 years or when damaged
Class K.....	Every 5 years
Stored water .....	Every 5 years
AFFF.....	Every 5 years
FFFP.....	Every 5 years
Wet chemical.....	Every 5 years
Carbon Dioxide (CO2).....	Every 5 years
Halon.....	Every 5 years