

TITLE: FIRE EXTINGUISHER
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DEFINITION: A portable fire safety device that discharges a jet of water, foam, gas, or other material to extinguish a fire.

PURPOSE: Put out a small fire by directing onto it a substance that cools the burning material, deprives the flame of oxygen, or interferes with the chemical reactions occurring in the flame.

COMMON COMPONENTS: Tank; Locking pin; Handle or operating lever; Pressure gauge; Discharge hose and nozzle; Mounting bracket; Fire extinguisher cabinet; Inspection tag

LOCATION:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unit	Includes, but is not limited to: hallways, kitchens, laundry rooms, mechanical rooms
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Outside	Parking garages, breezeways, property exterior, roof tops

MORE INFORMATION:

- This standard does not apply to fire extinguishers owned by the resident.
- Do not evaluate fire extinguishers that are not in service (i.e., in storage or awaiting service).

DEFICIENCY 1: Fire extinguisher pressure gauge reads over or under-charged.

LOCATION: Unit Inside Outside

DEFICIENCY 2: Fire extinguisher service tag is missing, illegible, or expired.

LOCATION: Unit Inside Outside

DEFICIENCY 3: Fire extinguisher is damaged or missing.

LOCATION: Unit Inside Outside

DEFICIENCY I — UNIT: FIRE EXTINGUISHER PRESSURE GAUGE READS OVER OR UNDER-CHARGED.

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: Pressure gauge indicates that the fire extinguisher is over or under-charged.

HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION: Life-Threatening The Life-Threatening category includes deficiencies that, if evident in the home or on the property, present a high risk of death to resident.

CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 24 hours

HCV PASS / FAIL: Fail

HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 24 hours

INSPECTION PROCESS:

- OBSERVATION:**
- Look at the fire extinguisher and determine if it has a pressure gauge.
 - If it does, ensure that the gauge is in the green zone and not discharged or over or under-charged.
- REQUEST FOR HELP:**
- Determine if fire extinguisher is owned by the resident.
- ACTION:**
- None
- More Information:**
- None
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- ACTION:**
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DEFICIENCY 2 — UNIT: FIRE EXTINGUISHER SERVICE TAG IS MISSING, ILLEGIBLE, OR EXPIRED.

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OR
The fire extinguisher tag is missing or illegible.
OR
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More Information: - If the POA provides the invoice or report from the servicing fire extinguisher company, do not record a deficiency for a missing tag. The date of the report must be no more than one year from the inspection date.

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