

## FORT WAINWRIGHT FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

# FIRE EXTINGUISHERS IN FACILITIES



*Did you know fire  
extinguishers may no longer  
be required in your facility?  
Their removal could save you  
time and money!*

*References:  
NFPA 10  
NFPA 96  
NFPA 101  
UFC 3-600-01*

*Contact the Fort  
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Recent changes to DoD facilities guidance allows for removal of fire extinguishers from facilities with complete automatic sprinkler protection. This change was made to align DoD guidance with Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA) and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards. The following practices are currently in effect to ensure compliance with the intent of the new guidance.

General purpose fire extinguishers are ***not required***:

- ◇ When the facility has a complete automatic sprinkler system

General purpose fire extinguishers ***are required***:

- ◇ In medical facilities.
- ◇ In areas where personnel will not evacuate due to critical operations.

However, there are some exceptions. Fire extinguishers continue to be required in hazardous areas, for certain processes, and when required by Army Regulations and other national fire/safety standards. Please refer to the chart on back for details.

Fire extinguishers may continue to be used and removed from service through attrition as they become due for maintenance. However, if in use, they shall be maintained and located in accordance with NFPA 101 Life Safety Code and NFPA 10 Portable Fire Extinguishers.

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## Fire Extinguishers

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In accordance with (IAW)UFC 3-600-01 8 August 2016 Change 2, 25 March 2018 9-17 PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS. 9-17.1 General purpose portable fire extinguishers are not required when the Facility is provided with complete automatic sprinkler protection and a fire alarm system IAW this UFC. 9-17.2 When provided, portable fire extinguishers must be located IAW NFPA 10

IAW with AR-420-1,25-33. All fire extinguishers will be Underwriter's Laboratories (UL) listed or Factory Mutual (FM) approved. a. Facilities. The facilities engineer or user will furnish the initial purchase and installation of fire extinguishers in newly constructed facilities and their replacement in existing facilities, per NFPA 101, Life Safety Code. The fire department will inspect and determine the type, size, and location of extinguishers per NFPA 10, Portable Fire Extinguishers. Garrisons will not furnish portable fire extinguishers in Family housing areas, unless required by NFPA101.

### DISPOSAL/REMOVAL:

Contact your Unit Safety Representative and/or DPW for turn-in locations for serviceable extinguishers that are suitable for redistribution to facilities still requiring fire extinguishers.

| Occupancy                  | Sprinkler System Installed | General Purpose Extinguishers Required | Hazardous Areas That Require Extinguishers<br><i>*Contact the FWFES Fire Prevention Office for further guidance*</i>  |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|---|
| Assembly                   | No                         | ✗                                      | - Kitchens<br>- Food warming areas<br>- Flammable Storage   |
|                            | Yes                        | ✗                                      |   |
| Health Care                | Yes or No                  | ✓                                      | - All areas   |
| Dormitory/Barracks Lodging | No                         | ✗                                      | - Arms Rooms<br>- Laundries > 100 ft <sup>2</sup><br>- Maintenance Areas<br>- Trash Collection Rooms<br>- Flammable Storage   |
|                            | Yes                        | ✗                                      | - Arms Rooms<br>- Flammable Storage   |
| Business                   | No                         | ✓                                      | - Training systems (cockpit/vehicle)<br>- Wheeled egress trainers<br>- Flammable storage<br>- Areas not evacuated<br>- Arms Rooms   |
|                            | Yes                        | ✗                                      |   |
| Industrial                 | No                         | ✗                                      | - Flammable storage areas<br>- DPW shop area<br>- Paint spraying/booths<br>- Battery room<br>- Multimedia laboratories<br>- Explosives handling<br>- Laboratories<br>- Welding areas<br>- Soldering areas<br>- Dip tanks<br>- Laundries/Dry Cleaners<br>- Arms Rooms<br>- Boiler rooms<br>- Motor pools<br>- Repair garages |
|                            | Yes                        | ✗                                      |   |
| Storage                    | No                         | ✗                                      | - Flammable storage<br>- Explosives Handling<br>- Material Handling Equipment w/internal combustion engine<br>- Arms Rooms  |
|                            | Yes                        | ✗                                      |   |

This document was established as a quick reference guide and is not all inclusive. Please contact the Fire Prevention Office for assistance in determining your fire extinguisher requirements.