Fire Extinguishers

1. Extinguishers shall be mounted prior to final inspection.

2. If you are unsure as to the location of fire extinguishers please refer to your approved Fire Department construction drawings and consult with your fire inspector. The following guidelines will assist you in determining an appropriate location:

   a. Locate extinguishers near an exit so in event of a fire, occupants are headed in the direction of the exit.
   b. Do not place extinguishers in heavy traffic areas or narrow hallways where hand trucks are likely to hit the extinguisher and knock it off the wall.
   c. Do not place extinguishers in areas subject to vandalism or tampering from children.
   d. There shall be a minimum of one 2A:10BC fire extinguisher for every 3,000 square feet of floor area and there shall be no more than 75 feet of travel distance to the nearest fire extinguisher.
   e. Extinguishers shall be mounted with the top between 3 and 5 feet above the floor.
   f. If the extinguisher is not clearly visible a sign may be required.

3. Fire extinguishers purchased from hardware stores do not come with a State Fire Marshal’s servicing tag. For those extinguishers with only the year of manufacture stamped on the cylinder, on January 1st of the following year the extinguisher must be serviced by a state licensed fire extinguisher contractor. For those extinguishers with a month and year of manufacture stamped on the cylinder, one year after the date of manufacture the extinguisher shall be serviced by a state licensed fire extinguisher contractor.