

1 Fire Extinguishers

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5 Introduction

6 State Building Code requires that every campus building contain fire extinguishers. Environmental
7 Health and Safety (EH&S) provides fire extinguisher services including installation in new or
8 remodeled buildings, annual inspections, refilling of discharged extinguishers, and maintenance
9 tasks as required.

10 Fire extinguishers are installed in Iowa State University buildings to meet regulatory requirements
11 and to allow trained employees to attempt to extinguish small fires. EH&S conducts periodic training
12 sessions and offers online training covering all aspects of fire extinguisher use.

13 Departments are responsible for charges related to the installation and maintenance of extinguishers
14 in departmental areas. EH&S will install and maintain extinguishers in non-departmental areas.

15 Policy Statement

16 Fire extinguishers shall only be used for their intended purpose; to extinguish small fires.

17 Any extinguisher found to be faulty, discharged or missing must be reported to EH&S.

18 In the event of a fire, only trained individuals may attempt to use fire extinguishers. Fire extinguisher
19 training is required on an annual basis.

20 Resources

21 Links

- 22 • [Fire Safety Guidelines](#)
- 23 • [EH&S Training \(LEARN@ISU\)](#)
- 24 • [Portable Fire Extinguishers \(OSHA\)](#)
- 25 • [Annual Security and Fire Safety Report](#)

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