

# 1 Fire Extinguishers

2 Effective: Prior to 2005

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4 Contact: [Environmental Health and Safety \(EH&S\)](#)

## 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 It is not a requirement that a fire extinguisher be used. In the event of a fire, only trained individuals  
19 may attempt to use fire extinguishers. Fire extinguisher training is required on an annual basis.

## 20 Resources

### 21 Links

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