

FIRE EXTINGUISHER REQUIREMENTS

P.L.1991, c. 92 (C.52:27D-198.1) – Effective November 1, 2005: All one and two family dwellings with a change in occupancy are required to provide a portable fire extinguisher in addition to the requirements for carbon and smoke detectors.

The following are the requirements for the type and placement of extinguishers:

1. At least 1 portable fire extinguisher shall be installed in all one and two family dwellings upon change in occupancy.
2. The extinguisher shall be listed, labeled, charged and operable.
3. The size shall be no smaller than 2A:10B:C, rated for residential use and weighs no more than 10lbs.
4. The hangers or brackets supplied by the manufacturer must be used.
5. The extinguisher must be located within 10feet of the kitchen.
6. The top of extinguisher must not be more than 5 feet above the floor.
7. The extinguisher must be visible and in readily accessible location, free from being blocked by furniture, storage or other items.
8. The extinguisher must be near a room exit or travel path that provides an escape route to the exterior.
9. The extinguisher must be accompanied by an owner's manual or written information regarding the operation, inspection and maintenance of the extinguisher.
10. The extinguisher must be installed with the operating instructions clearly visible.