



# Centurion Fire Control™

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## Portable Fire Extinguishers - Requirements of the Ontario Fire Code

6.2.1.2 – Portable Fire Extinguishers *must be kept operable and fully charged.*

6.2.1.3 – Portable Fire Extinguishers *must be easily seen and accessible at all times.*

6.2.1.4 – Portable Fire Extinguishers *must be located in or adjacent to corridors or aisles that provide access to exits.*

6.2.1.5 – Location must be prominently indicated by *signs or markers* in large floor areas and where visual obstructions cannot be avoided.

6.2.4.1 – Portable Fire Extinguishers *shall be provided to protect every building*, each hazardous occupancy inside, and each hazardous process or operation outside (excluding dwelling units).

6.2.6.2 – *all buildings (excl residential) are required to have the prescribed quantity of class “A” Portable Fire Extinguishers* (suitable for wood, paper, trash, some plastics).

6.2.6A – the *maximum travel distance to the nearest “A” rated PFE is 25 metres.*

6.2.6.7 – *buildings with flammable liquids must have Portable Fire Extinguishers with “B” rating* at appropriate maximum travel distance.

6.2.6.12 – Wet chemical or alkali based dry chemical Portable Fire Extinguishers shall be provided to *protect commercial cooking equipment.*

6.2.6.13 – Portable Fire Extinguishers suitable for Class “C” fires shall be provided in or near service rooms containing electrical equipment.

## Inspection, Testing and Maintenance Requirements

6.2.7.1 – Maintenance and testing shall be done in *conformance with NFPA 10* standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers

6.2.7.2 – all Portable Fire Extinguishers shall be *inspected monthly* – can be done by an internal person

6.2.7.4 – Portable Fire Extinguishers shall have a *tag securely attached* showing maintenance or recharge date, agency, signature of service person.

6.2.7.6 – Portable Fire Extinguishers shall be *replaced and recharged after use*

## Additional Requirements per NFPA 10 - 2002

6.3.3 – *Every 6 years*, stored-pressure fire extinguishers that require a 12 year hydrostatic test shall be *emptied and subjected to the applicable maintenance procedures*

6.3.4.2 – Each extinguisher that has undergone...internal examination, or that has been recharged shall have a *“Verification of Service” collar located around the neck of the container*

6.4.1.2 – The amount of recharge *agent shall be verified by weighing*

## Updates in NFPA 10 – 2010 – (not yet requirements of the Fire Code)

7.1.2.1 – *Persons performing maintenance* and recharging of extinguishers *shall be certified*

5.5.6.1 – Dry chemical fire extinguishers shall not be installed for the protection of *delicate electronic equipment*

5.5.7.2 – Multipurpose dry chemical fire extinguishers shall not be installed in *areas containing oxidizers, such as pool chemicals (eg. Laundry facilities)*