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 **Portable Extinguisher Inspections**

Toolbox Talk # 5022

Where is the nearest fire extinguisher right now? Where is the closest portable fire extinguisher at your normal work area?

It's very important that we each are aware of portable fire extinguisher locations without having to look too hard for too long because in the panic of the moment if a fire was to suddenly occur, seconds count.

More importantly, when is the last time you actually looked at the portable fire extinguisher in your work area? Have you ever?

- Is it charged fully?

- Is it damaged?

- Is it the proper type for the hazards in your area?

- Is it hung properly?

- Is it blocked?

- Has it been hydrostatically tested in the past 5-12 years?

Indepth inspection and testing of these devices is critical. Especially if your fire extinguishers have rubber or plastic boots or caps and are located in potentially corrosive environments such as:

* Extinguishers stored outside, unprotected from the weather
* Extinguishers stored in wet or damp environments
* Extinguishers stored near marine facilities or other waterfront buildings, especially those located near salt water

Many large facilities have a service come in to inspect their fire extinguishers either monthly or some other periodic schedule. However, what about the one in your work area? Are you sure it has been looked at recently? Are you sure it wasn't missed during the last formal inspection?

Take a moment today and take a look at any extinguisher in your area. Let us know if you see signs that it is damaged or uncharged so it can be taken out of service and a replacement installed.

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