

# FIRE EXTINGUISHERS IN FACILITIES



*Did you know fire extinguishers may no longer be required in your facility? Their removal could save you time and money!*

*References:  
NFPA 10  
NFPA 96  
NFPA 101  
UFC 3-600-01  
AFMAN 91-201  
AFI 91-203*

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Recent changes to DoD facilities guidance allows for removal of fire extinguishers from facilities with complete automatic sprinkler protection. This change was made to align DoD guidance with Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA) and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards. The following practices are currently in effect to ensure compliance with the intent of the new guidance.

General purpose fire extinguishers are **not required**:

- ◇ When the facility has a complete automatic sprinkler system

General purpose fire extinguishers **are required**:

- ◇ In medical facilities.
- ◇ In areas where personnel will not evacuate due to critical operations.

However, there are some exceptions. Fire extinguishers continue to be required in hazardous areas, for certain processes, and when required by other regulations such as Air Force Instructions or Army Regulations. Please refer to the chart on back for details.

Fire extinguishers may continue to be used and removed from service through attrition as they become due for maintenance. However, if in use, they shall be maintained and located in accordance with NFPA 101 Life Safety Code and NFPA 10 Portable Fire Extinguishers.

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### TRAINING:

**Air Force:** CBT and hands-on training are no longer required as of January 2017. Instead, safety information and practical training to familiarize Airmen with the use of fire extinguishers will be made available through informational materials and voluntary training opportunities during Fire Prevention Month. Specialized training for personnel who work with flightline extinguishers, commercial cooking, flammable/combustible storage or work areas, welding areas, etc., will continue.

**Tenant Units:** Fire extinguisher training is available upon request. Follow guidance below for fire extinguisher placement in all JBER facilities. For conflicts between the JBER fire extinguisher policy and internal regulations, the Fire Prevention Office must be consulted.

### DISPOSAL/REMOVAL:

Contact your Unit Safety Representative for turn-in locations for serviceable extinguishers that are suitable for redistribution to facilities still requiring fire extinguishers. There is a drop box for unserviceable fire extinguishers located on the northeast corner of building 724.

Occupancy	Sprinkler System Installed	General Purpose Extinguishers Required	Hazardous Areas That Require Extinguishers <i>*Contact the JBER Fire Prevention Office for further guidance</i>
Assembly	No	✗	- Kitchens - Food warming areas - Flammable Storage
	Yes	✗	
Health Care	Yes or No	✓	- All areas
Dormitory/Barracks Lodging	No	✗	- Arms Rooms - Laundries > 100 ft <sup>2</sup> - Maintenance Areas - Trash Collection Rooms - Flammable Storage
	Yes	✗	- Arms Rooms - Flammable Storage
Business	No	✓	- Training systems (cockpit/vehicle) - Wheeled egress trainers - Flammable storage - Areas not evacuated - Arms Rooms
	Yes	✗	
Industrial	No	✗	- Flammable storage areas - CE shop area - Paint spraying/booths - Battery room - Multimedia laboratories - Explosives handling - Laboratories - Welding areas - Soldering areas - Dip tanks - Laundries/Dry Cleaners - Arms Rooms - Boiler rooms - Motor pools - Repair garages
	Yes	✗	
Storage	No	✗	- Flammable storage - Explosives Handling - Material Handling Equipment w/internal combustion engine - Arms Rooms
	Yes	✗	

This document was established as a quick reference guide and is not all inclusive. Please contact the Fire Prevention Office for assistance in determining your fire extinguisher requirements.