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Fire / Life Safety

Fire Extinguisher Accessibility.

Fire extinguishers are located throughout the campus to ensure availability in the event of an emergency. A blocked fire extinguisher (see **Photograph 1**) may inhibit the ability to quickly extinguish a small fire in its incipient stage and as a result a small fire may spread beyond the capabilities of a fire extinguisher.

In accordance with California Code of Regulations (CCR)¹, California Fire Code (CFC)² and National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA)³, fire extinguishers must be readily accessible without subjecting personnel to possible injury. To ensure proper accessibility, the following clear access requirements must be maintained at all times (see **Figure 1**):

1. *Sufficient path of travel* to the extinguisher and the area immediately around the extinguisher.
2. *Access area depth*, measured from the front of the extinguisher or cabinet, of at least 36 inches.
3. *Access area width of at least 30 inches*. For fire extinguishers placed within a cabinet, the door must be allowed to open at least 90°.

If an area identified with a fire extinguisher cabinet, sign, or mount is discovered without a fire extinguisher or if a fire extinguisher is discovered placed on the ground *immediately contact the Environmental Health and Safety Coordinator or Facilities & Planning Services*.



Photograph 1 – Blocked Fire Extinguisher

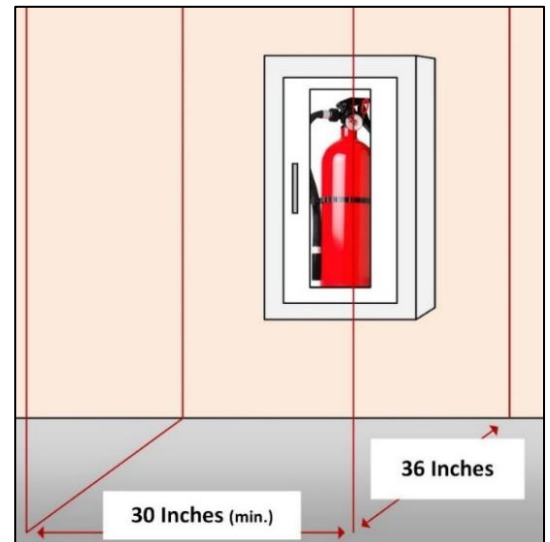


Figure 1 – Fire Extinguisher Clear Access

¹ Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) section [6151](#)

² CFC chapter 9, section 906 - Portable Fire Extinguishers (2013)

³ NFPA 10 - Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers (2013)