

# EVERGREEN COMPLY

## OSHA Portable Fire Extinguisher Training

### *Regulatory Crosswalk*

| Topic or Requirement       | Regulatory Citation        | Plain-English Requirement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| Scope and exemptions       | 29 CFR 1910.157(a)-(b)     | Apply the standard according to employee use and the employer emergency policy. Exemptions have specific conditions, including written evacuation policies and required plans; a designated-user exemption affects distribution rather than every extinguisher duty.                                                                    |
| Equipment availability     | 29 CFR 1910.157(c)(1), (4) | Provide mounted, located and identified extinguishers that employees can readily access without possible injury. Maintain fully charged, operable units in designated places except during use.                                                                                                                                         |
| Selection and distribution | 29 CFR 1910.157(d)         | Select and distribute extinguishers according to anticipated fire class and the size and degree of hazard, subject to applicable distribution requirements and exceptions.                                                                                                                                                              |
| Inspection and maintenance | 29 CFR 1910.157(e)         | The employer is responsible for inspection, maintenance and testing. Visually inspect monthly and perform annual maintenance checks. Retain the required annual record and provide equivalent protection when equipment is removed for maintenance or recharging.                                                                       |
| Hydrostatic testing        | 29 CFR 1910.157(f)         | Use trained persons with suitable equipment and facilities for required hydrostatic testing. Apply the required intervals and removal-from-service criteria.                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Employee education         | 29 CFR 1910.157(g)(1)-(2)  | Where extinguishers are provided for employee use, provide education on general use principles and hazards of incipient-stage firefighting at initial employment and at least annually.                                                                                                                                                 |
| Designated-user training   | 29 CFR 1910.157(g)(3)-(4)  | Train employees designated to use firefighting equipment under the emergency action plan in appropriate equipment use at initial assignment and at least annually.                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Emergency action plan      | 29 CFR 1910.38(a)-(f)      | Where required by an applicable standard, provide a written plan kept at the workplace and available for review; employers with ten or fewer employees may communicate it orally. Include reporting, evacuation, accountability, assigned duties and contacts; provide required alarm, evacuation assistance training and plan reviews. |