

Care and Maintenance of Your Extinguisher

At least once a month (more often in severe environments) you should inspect your extinguisher. Ensure that:

- a. *The extinguisher is not blocked by equipment, coats or other objects that could interfere with access in an emergency.*
- b. *The pressure is at the recommended level. On extinguishers equipped with a gauge (such as that shown on the right) that means the needle should be in the green zone - not too high and not too low.*
- c. *The nozzle or other parts are not obstructed.*
- d. *The pin and tamper seal (if it has one) are intact.*
- e. *There are no dents, leaks, rust, chemical deposits and other signs of abuse/wear. Wipe off any corrosive chemicals, oil, gunk etc. that may have landed on the extinguisher.*
- f. *Some manufacturers recommend shaking your dry chemical extinguishers once a month to prevent the powder from settling/packing.*
- g. *Fire extinguishers should be pressure tested (a process called hydrostatic testing) after 5 years (australia) to ensure that the cylinder is safe to use. Consult your owner's manual, extinguisher label or the manufacturer to see when yours may need such testing.*



Fire extinguishers must be professionally checked by a trained service person every 6 months in australia

If the extinguisher is damaged or needs recharging, get it replaced immediately!

One more time: Recharge all extinguishers immediately after use regardless of how much they were used