

Fire Extinguishers

Links to applicable regulations

- [46 CFR 28.160\(a\)](#) – Vessels < 65 feet
- [46 CFR 25.30-20](#) – Vessel < 65 feet
- [46 CFR 28.160\(b\)](#) – Vessels ≥ 65 feet
- [46 CFR 28.155](#) – Excess Equipment

Checklist for this item

	Ensure there are a sufficient number, types and sizes of fire extinguishers on board based on the checklist generated for your vessel.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can view the type and size on the side of the extinguisher label
	
	Ensure each extinguisher is Coast Guard approved.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coast Guard approval includes the need to use the appropriate marine type bracket made for the fire extinguisher.
	Inspect the condition of the fire extinguisher at least annually
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inspect the exterior of the fire extinguisher for dents, corrosion. Inspect the condition of the hose/horn for cracks and damage. Look in the end of the hose. If there is evidence that the extinguisher has been used have it serviced or replaced. If the extinguisher has a gauge, ensure the gauge is in the green. If there is no gauge, the extinguisher must be weighed and the weight compared to that stamped near the neck of the bottle. Owners can elect to weigh and tag their own extinguishers with the date last weighed. Read the manufacturers maintenance instructions for frequency of inspections and follow those instructions.

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Voyage Termination Warning

Your vessels voyage can be terminated for an insufficient number of type(s) and size(s) of serviceable fire extinguishers on board.

If for example your vessel is required to have 3 B-II fire extinguishers and you have two that are serviceable and one that is not, your vessel voyage can be terminated.
