

Safety | Tips Fire Extinguishers in Vehicles

Do you need a fire extinguisher in your vehicle?

The Alberta Fire Code sets out requirements for regulating portable extinguishers. The Code requires extinguishers to be located inside buildings with the exception of a few outdoor locations like service stations, lumber plants and bulk plants.

The Code also requires extinguishers to be located on a "*tank vehicle*." A *tank vehicle* means any vehicle, other than railroad tank cars and boats, with a cargo tank having a capacity of more than 450 L, mounted or built as an integral part of the vehicle and used for the transportation of *flammable liquids* or *combustible liquids* and including tank trucks, trailers and semi-trailers.

There may also be a fire extinguisher requirement based on the location and operating procedures of your employer. Some worksites have a fire extinguisher in vehicles policy as part of their Safety Program. This is an employer requirement and not a requirement of the Alberta Fire Code.

The Fire Code does not regulate portable extinguishers used in vehicles, trucks, pick-up trucks, buses or any other service vehicles, however portable extinguishers may be required in the vehicles listed by other Federal or Provincial legislation.

It is important to note that if you do have a fire extinguisher in your vehicle, or anywhere else, it must be maintained in accordance with the Alberta Fire Code.

For further information on maintenance, please visit our website:

<http://www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/documents/ss/STANDATA/fire/Notice-PortableFireExtinguisherServicing.pdf>

<http://www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/documents/ss/STANDATA/fire/fcb/FCB-11-01.pdf>

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For more information, please call Municipal Affairs, Safety Services at 1-866-421-6929 or visit www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca

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