

# STAYING PREPARED: The Importance of Fire Extinguisher Safety



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When it comes to workplace safety, being prepared is key—and fire extinguisher readiness plays a crucial role in that preparedness. Fires can break out with little to no warning, and a properly maintained fire extinguisher can be the first line of defense in preventing a small spark from becoming a major disaster.

At Southeastern Indiana REMC, safety is a top priority. That's why we go beyond the minimum safety standards to ensure that all fire extinguishers across our facilities are regularly inspected and maintained. Our team conducts monthly visual checks to confirm that each unit is properly charged, accessible, and in good working condition. Additionally, we schedule annual maintenance with certified professionals to make sure our extinguishers meet all state and federal safety regulations.




## Why Fire Extinguisher Safety Matters

**Quick Response Can Save Lives:** A well-placed and functioning fire extinguisher can stop a fire before it spreads, protecting employees and valuable equipment.

**Compliance with Safety Standards:** OSHA and NFPA guidelines require regular inspections and proper training. Staying in compliance helps avoid fines and ensures a safer environment.

**Employee Confidence:** Knowing that safety tools are ready and available boosts employee confidence and contributes to a more secure workplace culture.



## Tips for Fire Extinguisher Safety at Home and Work

- Know where the extinguishers are located.
- Check the pressure gauge monthly.
- Make sure extinguishers are not blocked or hidden.
- Ensure all employees know how to use them (remember the PASS method: Pull, Aim, Squeeze, Sweep).
- Replace or service any unit that is expired or damaged.

## Our Commitment to a Safer Workplace

Fire extinguisher checks are just one of many proactive measures Southeastern Indiana REMC takes to prioritize safety. From emergency preparedness drills to employee training, we strive to create a work environment where safety is more than a policy—it's a shared responsibility.

Because at SEI REMC, we believe safety starts with prevention—and that includes being ready for the unexpected.