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## TECHNICAL BULLETIN

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**Topic:** Portable Fire Extinguishers

Are portable fire extinguishers required to be provided in existing buildings?

**YES.** FCNYS section 906 requires the installation of portable fire extinguishers in nearly all occupancies and other listed locations. Section 906.1, where required, states:

*Portable fire extinguishers shall be installed in the following locations.*

*1. In all Group A, B, E, F, H, I, M, R-1, R-2, R-4 and S occupancies.*

*EXCEPTION: In all Group A, B and E occupancies equipped throughout with quick-response sprinklers, fire extinguishers shall be required only in special hazard areas.*

Portable fire extinguishers are not building equipment, but rather more like required signs. Therefore, the requirement is a “condition of use” and portable fire extinguishers are required in existing buildings, as well as new buildings, as required by section 906.

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