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Topic: Required Fire Extinguisher Locations In Existing Buildings

This document is to clarify the requirements for fire extinguishers in existing buildings.

Section 906.1 of the 2015 International Fire Code (2015 IFC) requires the installation of portable fire extinguishers in the following locations:

1. *In new and existing Group A, B, E, F, H, I, M, R-1, R-2, R-4 and S occupancies.*
EXCEPTION: In Group R-2 occupancies, portable fire extinguishers shall be required only as specified in items 2 - 6 where each dwelling unit is provided with a portable fire extinguisher having a minimum rating of 1-A:10-B:C.
2. *Within 30 feet (9144 mm) of commercial cooking equipment.*
3. *In areas where flammable or combustible liquids are stored, used or dispensed.*
4. *On each floor of structures under construction, except Group R-3 occupancies, in accordance with Section 3315.1.*
5. *Where required by the section indicated in Table 906.1.*
6. *Special-hazard areas, including but not limited to laboratories, computer rooms and generator rooms, where required by the fire code official.*

Chapter 1, Section 101.2.6.2 of the 2017 Uniform Code Supplement modifies Chapter 1 of the 2015 IFC and states:

Administrative, operational and maintenance provisions. *The administrative, operational and maintenance provisions of the 2015 IFC shall apply to:*

1. *Conditions and operations arising after the adoption of the 2015 IFC.*
2. *Existing conditions and operations.*

The provisions of Section 906.1 would fall under the administrative, operational and maintenance provisions, therefore they are enforceable on existing structures.

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¹ The "Code Effective Date" for this Technical Bulletin is October 31, 2017, which is the effective date of the current version of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code (the Uniform Code).

² The 2015 International Fire Code (2015 IFC) is a publication incorporated by reference in 19 NYCRR Part 1225. The 2017 Uniform Code Supplement is a publication incorporated by reference in 19 NYCRR Parts 1219 through 1228. The 2015 IFC, as amended by the 2017 Uniform Code Supplement, is part of the Uniform Code.