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HEALTH & SAFETY SERVICES & TRAINING

YOUR GUIDE TO...

Fire Extinguisher Servicing



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Our fire extinguisher services

We are one of the UK's leading fire extinguisher service providers. Our protection orientated service is designed to provide companies with a simple service that prioritises safety and compliance. We provide all of our clients both old and new with a simple all-inclusive fixed price, which will cover all of your company's annual fire extinguisher service needs.

Here At PTS Compliance, we charge a fixed price of £89. This price includes the cost of an engineer visit to your premises. It also includes the cost of the serviceable parts they use for the first 10 appliances serviced. After this allowance has been used, an incredibly reasonable fixed price of £2.95 for every extinguisher serviced applies. We also service all parts of the UK, so if you're looking for a 'fire extinguisher service near me', you've come to the right place.

PTS Compliance - a company you can trust

All of our fire extinguisher service engineers have successfully completed an examination in the Theory and Practice of Servicing Portable Fire Extinguishers. This is in accordance with the rules laid out by the Fire Extinguishing Trades Association (FETA). Furthermore, all of our engineers are singularly committed to working

within a strict code of conduct, to the highest professional standard and in accordance with fire extinguisher servicing law.

How often should fire extinguishers be serviced?

You might be wondering 'how often should fire extinguishers be serviced?', and the answer is simple. A full fire extinguisher service is required to be completed on an annual basis. It is important also that you employ a reputable and experienced fire extinguisher service company who are able to service to standards as set out in BS5306 part 3, providing staff who are fully qualified BAFE fire extinguisher engineers.

Why choose PTS compliance as your fire extinguisher service company?

We provide one of the most professional and extensive fire extinguisher services around. Alongside the work completed we will provide a full status report and location list of your fire extinguisher equipment. After each service, we will break down clearly the condition of your fire extinguishers, their condition and any recommendations we feel you would benefit from. If you're looking for a friendly, knowledgeable and reliable fire extinguisher service near me, whose prices you can rely on then look no further than PTS Compliance.

We pride ourselves on being able to save 99% of businesses money on their fire extinguisher service. Our costs are fully inclusive so you won't be charged any additional hidden extras.

Why are fire extinguisher services so important?

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The regulations

By law, all employers must provide staff with adequate means of tackling a fire in the workplace. There is also a legal obligation for a competent person to at least, annually service the firefighting equipment to the standard of BS 5306 part 3.

This is explained in the Fire Precautions (Workplace) Regulations, regulation 6: Where it is necessary to provide fire extinguishing equipment to safeguard employees in the event of fire, (BS 5306 Part 8) this equipment shall be maintained in an efficient state, in efficient working order and in good repair. (BS 5306 Part 3)

As well as the annual inspection by a competent person, workplaces must also ensure that they carry out their own weekly fire extinguisher checks.

Annual fire extinguisher service

During a basic annual fire extinguisher service, the engineer will carry out various procedures on the fire extinguisher(s) depending on its make and type. Generally, the service includes:

- Checking all fire extinguisher parts such as valves, safety devices, gauges, and operating mechanisms.
- Checking internally and externally for corrosion
- Checking the weight is within the stated range
- Compiling a maintenance report or 'Certificate of Inspection' - a legal record

of the maintenance carried out on the fire extinguishers to be kept by the customer and engineer.

An extended fire extinguisher service

An extended service generally involves carrying out a test discharge on the fire extinguisher, checking internal and external parts, then recharging the fire extinguisher for ready for use, if deemed safe by the engineer. BS 5306 - 3, states that water, foam, powder and wet chemical fire extinguishers are required to have extended services every 5 years.

Co2 fire extinguishers must have a pressure test / Overhaul test every 10 years. We carry out a 'service exchange' for Co2 fire extinguishers that are due this test. What this means is that we exchange your old Co2 fire extinguisher for a new or refurbished Co2 fire extinguisher.

This is more cost effective as it saves time spent on your premises, prevents a return visit from being necessary and ensures that Co2 fire extinguishers are tested and recharged by specialists in certified testing stations.

Unsafe fire extinguishers

The main danger from damaged fire extinguishers is from a risk of a sudden release of pressure or parts. This is due to the large amount of pressure required to discharge the fire extinguisher when in operation.

Any rust or damage to pressure retaining parts such as threads, welds, excessive corrosion or pitting to the body of the fire extinguisher must be taken seriously due the amount of damage an unsafe fire extinguisher can do. Any fire extinguisher with this type of damage must be removed and replaced to ensure the continued safety of you, your staff and your customers.

Authorisation of work

If any work required (e.g. an extended service, or replacement parts needed) is not authorised by the person in charge, we must record these fire extinguishers as 'not maintained' and the non-compliance with the standard must be noted on the 'non-conforming action' section of the certificate of inspection. This documentation is kept by both parties and may be considered significant in the event of a fire officers' inspection or in the worst event, a fire.

Safety signs

Each fire extinguisher should be accompanied by appropriate safety signage indicating the type of fire extinguisher. PTS Compliance stock a wide variety of low-cost safety signs.

Wall mounting

All fire extinguishers should, where possible be wall mounted on a suitable bracket or placed on a fire extinguisher stand. Fire extinguishers should never be used to prop doors open – especially fire doors which should remain shut unless an automatic closing device has been fitted. We can provide and fit brackets and wall mount fire extinguishers for a small charge.

More info on fire extinguisher servicing law:

- BS EN3
- BS 5306 part 3 and 8
- Fire precautions (Workplace) regulations 1999
- Fire Safety - An Employers guide. (HSE Books)

Other services offered are:

- Fire Extinguisher Sales, Servicing & Hire
- Fire Alarm Supply & Service
- Fire Hose Reel Supply & Service
- Fire Risk Assessments
- Fire Training
- Fire Safety Signs
- Brigade Equipment
- Fire Suppression Systems
- Dry Risers

If you're looking for a highly trained, reputable fire extinguisher service company to make sure you're in line with fire extinguisher servicing law, don't hesitate to get in touch with PTS Compliance!

Call us free today on 0800 644 5400 for more information or get in touch here to arrange a free, no-obligation quotation.

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