

HEALTH CARE ALERT

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What type of fire extinguisher should you use in the OR?

The 2018 edition of NFPA 99 will recommend types of portable fire extinguishers based on the area of a health care facility. While this edition will not be adopted by CMS, it can provide a good basis for the type of extinguisher installed in ORs.

- Operating rooms should have either a clean mist or a clean agent portable fire extinguisher (the Annex of NFPA 99 recommends a Class A rating- CO2 extinguishers do NOT have a Class A rating)
- CO2 extinguishers will not be mandated in ORs

Regardless of the type of extinguisher you choose, it is important to include Clinical Staff, Infection Control, and Facilities in the decision.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us!

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