READY TO INSPECT — STANDARD FIELD GUIDE

NFPA 10

National Fire Protection Association

NFPA 10 covers the portable fire extinguisher: which type and rating goes where, how far someone should have to travel to reach one, and how it is mounted and kept serviceable. The monthly visual is an in-house check anyone can document; the annual service and internal work belong to the licensed extinguisher company.

What it covers

- Extinguisher type and rating matched to the hazard in each area
- Placement and maximum travel distance to reach a unit
- Mounting height and secure bracket or cabinet installation
- Monthly visual inspection: pressure, seal, access and signage
- Annual service, hydrostatic test and recharge by the licensed company

What a field inspection looks at

- Photograph each unit in place with its rating tag legible, so type-to-hazard can be judged against the room it serves.
- Travel distance walked and documented from the far corner, not assumed from a floor plan.
- Mounting height and bracket captured, and any unit left on the floor flagged as a finding.
- Monthly visual recorded with the gauge in the green and the pull-pin seal intact shown in frame.
- Annual service tag photographed for its date; an expired or missing tag is documented for the licensed company to clear.

Adoption varies by jurisdiction. Confirm the edition your authority having jurisdiction enforces before you run a walk against it.