

## PROVIDE CLEAR ACCESS TO FIRE EXTINGUISHER

### CODE SECTIONS

*International fire Code 2006 Edition*

**906.5 Conspicuous location.** Extinguishers shall be located in conspicuous locations where they will be readily accessible and immediately available for use. These locations shall be along normal paths of travel, unless the fire code official determines that the hazard posed indicates the need for placement away from normal paths of travel.

**906.6 Unobstructed and unobscured.** Fire extinguishers shall not be obstructed or obscured from view. In rooms or areas in which visual obstruction cannot be completely avoided, means shall be provided to indicate the locations of extinguishers.

### EXPLANATION

Fire extinguishers should be located in a normal exit path, preferably by an exit door. The fire extinguisher shall also be readily visible and accessible. An area free from obstructions should be maintained for three feet in all directions of the fire extinguisher.

### RATIONALE

Fire extinguishers are designed to extinguish a fire in its earliest and thus smallest phase. In order to do this, the fire extinguisher must be easily obtained. Obstructions to accessing the fire extinguisher could significantly delay its deployment thus allowing the fire to continue to grow causing more fire damage and risk to life.