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FIRE FURNITURE : REGULATION ASPECT

BSI : British Standards Institution

Code BS 5306-8 :2012 / Fire extinguishing installations and equipment on premises. Selection and positioning of portable fire extinguishers. Code of practice.

It gives advice and guidance on the suitability and positioning of portable fire extinguishers, primarily those conforming to BS EN 3, that can be carried by one person and that are used for the protection of buildings, other premises, contents and to assist evacuation.

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Positioning of extinguishers

Extinguishers need to be appropriately wall-mounted or positioned on fire-stands, fire-points or **in cabinets**.

Extinguishers located in areas accessible by the public should have measures such as **protective covers, boxes** or alarms taken so as to reduce the possibility of extinguishers being vandalised or stolen.

Extinguishers should be identified by :

- position and type signs
- location signs where the extinguisher is not both clearly visible and predominantly red.