

Inspection of Safety Equipment

Most Safety Equipment needs to be inspected, tested, or replaced on a regular basis. Safety equipment can include but not limited to:

- Fire extinguishers.
- Fire control panels.
- Fire blankets.
- Fire hoses.
- Gas supply regulators and valves.
- Water filters.
- First aid kits and supplies.
- Power surge / electrical safety cut off switches.
- Emergency lighting.
- Emergency back up generators.
- Phones used for emergency situations.
- Safety kits including signage in vehicles.
- Spare tyres, jacks, seatbelts, tools, and towing equipment.
- Back up batteries.

Many of the items can only be inspected by trained and licensed technicians. Businesses will usually outsource the maintenance of such items but it remains the responsibility of the business to ensure that local, state, and federal requirements are met.

Your business should ensure that safety equipment is documented and maintained according to the manufacturers' recommendations and any other governing body regulations. Checklists [electronic or paper] are useful in ensuring maintenance schedules are addressed. If the equipment has a 'use by date' ensure that it is addressed on the checklist. Some checklists are commercially available (refer to the shipping industry – inspection of safety equipment) while many businesses prefer to create their own.