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Policy on the use of Portable Fire Extinguishers at Dartmouth College

Portable fire extinguishers are provided in essentially all buildings occupied or owned by Dartmouth College. These units are inspected and maintained by employees of the College or by building owners in compliance with NFPA 10.

It is not Dartmouth College policy for employees to use a portable fire extinguisher in the event of a fire. All employees are trained and required to simply evacuate the building during a fire event. At the College's discretion, certain employee groups may receive training in fire extinguisher use, if deemed appropriate. Those groups will comply with (CFR 1910.157 Portable Fire Extinguishers). The College also offers fire extinguisher training to employees who request training voluntarily, for personal edification.

Due to the fact that Dartmouth College policy requires employees to evacuate during a fire event and not use a portable fire extinguisher, the requirements outlined in 1910.157 – do not apply if an Emergency Action Plan (CFR 1910.38) and a Fire Prevention Plan (CFR 1910.39) are in place.

The Dartmouth College Integrated Contingency Plan (ICP) meets all requirements of (CFR 1910.38 and CFR 1910.39). Certain departments have created detailed specific plans for use in their area, and these act as companions to the ICP. ICP copies are provided in several locations around campus, for Federal, State and local agencies and service providers. (See attached list)

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