

Michael L. Parson
Governor

Sandra K. Karsten
Director, Public Safety

J. Tim Bean
State Fire Marshal



205 Jefferson Street, Suite 1315
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 844
Jefferson City, MO 65102
Telephone: (573) 526-3660
Fax: (573) 526-5971

E-Mail: Gus.Guadamuz@dfs.dps.mo.gov
Patricia.Magee@dfs.dps.mo.gov
Website: www.dfs.dps.mo.gov

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY**

Memorandum 001

To: Elevator Inspectors, Inspection Companies, and Elevator Contractors
From: Gus Guadamuz, Deputy Chief Elevator Inspector
Date: January 2, 2020

Fire extinguishers are being kept on elevator car tops and hoistway on Machine Room Less equipment. This creates an unsafe condition by locating a stored energy device, weighing up to 30 pounds, mounted on quick release hangers, over working areas. Servicing and monitoring of the fire extinguisher cannot be controlled by the building owner or managers. This puts the entire responsibility of maintenance and compliance per NFPA 10 Standards for Portable Fire Extinguishers on the Elevator Service Company.

On November 13, 2019 the Missouri State Elevator Safety Board approved a resolution that fire extinguishers are not to be located in hoistways, pits, and car tops. Location of these devices outside the hoistway should be determined by the building owner/manager and local fire department.

Fire extinguisher locations shall comply with A17.1 Section 8.6.1.6.5 and shall not be located in hoist ways, pits, or car tops.

The specific requirements of this resolution may be modified by the Deputy Chief Elevator Inspector, under the direction of the Elevator Board, to allow for alternative arrangements.

Gus Guadamuz
Deputy Chief Elevator Inspector