

Fire Protection Field Training

OSHA 1926.150(c)(1)(vi)

A fire extinguisher, not less than 5lbs (ABC), shall be provided within 50 feet of wherever more than 5 gallons of flammable or combustible liquids are being used on the jobsite. (You do not count the amount found in vehicle fuel tanks or equipment tanks.)

This relates to portable fuel cans (tanks) such as our crews carry for filling up generators, quickie saws, and pumps.

One 5 gallon tank of fuel (diesel or gas) would require a 2 ½ lb ABC extinguisher. If you ever have more than 5 gallons of diesel or gas, then you need a 5lb ABC extinguisher.

1. **“NO SMOKING”** while filling up any tool, vehicle or piece of equipment. No one will be allowed to smoke within **50 feet** of a fueling task.
2. Only metal safety cans can be used to store or haul gasoline or diesel. These cans have self-closing lids. If the lid or the can is damaged replace it. Do not keep a damaged can on the site or in the vehicle.
3. Anytime you are filling a generator, quickie saw or pump they must be placed on the ground and not filled in the truck. This eliminates static sparks.
4. Do not use your cell phone while filling vehicles or equipment with gasoline or diesel.
5. All equipment, tools, vehicles, or anything else must be turned off while filling. Generators and quickie saws should be cool before fueling.
6. Fire extinguishers must be inspected monthly, and an inspection form filled out.
7. Fire extinguishers must be inspected and serviced annually. They must be tagged with a legible tag, and it must not be expired.
8. Never Park your vehicle in high grass, you could cause a fire. Be careful pulling off the road into grass areas.
9. Watch out for sparks from saws when near dry grass.
10. Remember the PASS system when using a fire extinguisher. Pull – Aim – Squeeze – Sweep