

## Fire Extinguishers

The excerpt from the BSR is as follows:

### **BSR Part 2 Bus safety duties, Division 1—Bus operator obligations, 9 Fire extinguishers**

(1) The operator of a bus service must ensure that one or more fire extinguishers are provided on each bus used in the provision of the bus service in accordance with the requirements of regulation 7 or Australian Design Rule 58/00 (as the case requires) in relation to—

- (a) the number of fire extinguishers to be provided on each bus; and
- (b) the type and location of each fire extinguisher provided on each bus.

(2) The operator of the bus service must ensure that each fire extinguisher provided on each bus used in the provision of the bus service is maintained in operating condition.

### **What does this mean – what do you need to do?**

This section refers to ensuring you have the right number of fire extinguishers provided for each bus, and that the fire extinguishers are correctly located on the bus. This section also identifies that fire extinguishers are regularly inspected and maintained in working order.

For example, a minibus would have one fire extinguisher while a coach would have a minimum of two (one located in the bus and one located in the engine bay).

These need to be inspected by a qualified person every six months and you need to keep all of your invoices relating to their service.

Here are some relevant links that will help you understand your responsibilities as they relate to fire extinguishers on your buses.

<https://fireregulations.com.au/as2444/>

<https://www.nhvr.gov.au/files/202110-0837-nhvim-section-13-buses.pdf>