

Fire Hose Reels

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Fire hose reels can be used by occupants (employees or visitors) to extinguish small fires. Typically, fire hose reels are found in buildings with a floor area exceeding 500m².

Fire Hose Reel Checklist

- Are the operating instructions clear and legible?
- Is the fire hose reel mounted correctly?
- Is the fire hose reel accessible at all times?
- Is the fire hose reel maintained correctly and provided with a maintenance tag?
- Have all staff been trained in the proper use of fire hose reels?

Are the operating instructions clear and legible?

Fire hose reels are required to have clear operational instructions printed on the middle of the reel. If installed outdoors these instructions tend to weather and fade making them difficult to read. Occupants of the building should make themselves aware of the operation of the fire hose reel by reading these instructions.

Is the fire hose reel accessible at all times?

Occupants should be able to quickly access the fire hose reel without having to remove obstructions such as stock, bins, or pallets. These obstructions may hinder opening the fire hose reel cabinet doors, which in turn may cause interference whilst trying to deploy the fire hose to a fire.



**Watch this Instructional Video:
How to use a fire hose reel.**

Is the fire hose reel maintained correctly and provided with a maintenance tag?

Fire hose reels must have a maintenance tag to indicate servicing has been completed and maintained as per **AS 1851* – Maintenance of Fire Safety Systems & Equipment** requirements.

What are the benefits of a Fire Hose Reel compared to a Fire Extinguisher?

Fire Hose Reels offer many advantages over water-type fire extinguishers, primarily due to their reliable water supply and the ability for users to maintain a safe distance from the fire.

The presence of fire hose reels ensures that occupants have access to a continuous water source, enabling them to combat fires effectively. The extended reach of the hose allows individuals to stand at a safe distance while directing water towards the flames. This added distance provides an additional layer of safety, minimizing the risk of injury while attempting to extinguish the fire.

In comparison to water-type fire extinguishers, fire hose reels offer a practical and dependable solution for managing small fires within buildings.

Have all staff been trained in the proper use of fire hose reels?

All occupants of buildings should be trained in fire awareness and the safe and effective use of all fire safety equipment – including fire hose reels.

If you have any questions or need support, please contact CFA's Fire Equipment Maintenance (FEM) Hotline on **1300 363 661**

* current Australian Standards as amended from time to time