

Fire Hose Reels



Fire hose reels are first attack fire equipment used to supplement fire extinguishers. They are designed to be used to extinguish a small wood/paper based fire or to contain a fire while an area is evacuated. They should not be used on fires involving electricity, cooking fats or petrol/oil.

South Australian regulations(1) typically only require fire hose reels to be installed in buildings greater than 500 square meters(2).

Fire hose reels should be located within 4 meters of an exit from the building and be no further than 40 meters from any part of the building(3).

Fire System Services can undertake a review of your site and advise you if you require hose reels and where they should be located.

Once installed fire hose reels should be regularly maintained. The minimum maintenance requirements as documented in South Australian legislation and regulations(4) are:

- 6 monthly test
- Annual test where the hose is fully unwound and water flow readings are taken

The maintenance of fire hose reels can only be undertaken by a trained FPAS Accredited Cert ii & licensed technician.

Fire System Services employs trained and accredited cert ii personnel in the servicing of fire hose reels – we are recognized as being competent.

It is recommended that only companies, such as Fire System Services, that are FPAS Accredited to maintain your fire equipment.

All staff should be trained in the operation of fire hose reels. Fire System Services can provide a short (1hour) course that will ensure all your staff know what fire extinguisher & fire hose reels to use and how to use it in an emergency.

If you require further information please contact Fire System Services on free call 1300 88 3473.

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(1) Development Act, 1991 Ministers Specification SA 76, 2000 Building Code of Australia (BCA)

(2) Building Code of Australia (BCA), 2009 Building area includes the whole building unless the building is divided by fire rated walls.

(3) Australian Standard 2441 Installation of fire hose reels, 2005

(4) Australian Standard 1851-2012, Section 9 - Routine service of fire protection systems & equipment - Fire hose reels

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