

KITCHEN FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS

The adoption of the 2000 edition of the NFPA 101, Life Safety Code requires that current editions of other NFPA standards also be used. One of these standards is NFPA 96, *Standard for Ventilation Control and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations*.

NFPA 96 includes requirements for fire extinguishing for the cooking equipment. These automatic fire extinguishing systems are required to comply with UL 300, *Standard for Fire Testing of Fire Extinguishing Systems for Protection of Restaurant Cooking Areas* or other equivalent standards. UL 300 primarily addresses self-contained chemical extinguishing systems.

Many facilities have already upgraded their kitchen fire extinguishing systems to the UL 300 standard. If the extinguishing system in your kitchen is currently not UL 300 compliant, you need to take the necessary steps to bring this system into compliance with this standard. We would suggest that you contact the company that currently services your kitchen fire extinguishing system to explore the best option for compliance.