

PRC § 4428 - Fire Box

No person shall use or operate any vehicle, machine, tool or equipment powered by an internal combustion engine operated on hydrocarbon fuels, in any Industrial operation located on or near any forest, brush, or grass-covered land between April 1 and December 1 of any year, or at any other time when ground litter and vegetation will sustain combustion permitting the spread of fire, without providing and maintaining, for firefighting purposes only, suitable and serviceable tools in the amounts, manner and location prescribed in this section.

On any such operation a sealed box of tools shall be located, within the operating area, at a point accessible in the event of fire. This fire toolbox shall contain: one backpack pump-type fire extinguisher filled with water, two axes, two McLeod fire tools, and a sufficient number of shovels so that each employee at the operation can be equipped to fight fire.

One or more serviceable chainsaws of three and one-half or more horsepower with a cutting bar 20 inches in length or longer shall be immediately available within the operating area and not less than two falling wedges.

PG&E Requirements

The sealed box of tools must be easily accessible and is required for major work operations or vegetation management.

The sealed toolbox must be easily accessible to all crews working. A sealed box of tools must contain a backpack-type fire extinguisher filled with water, two axes, two McLeod fire tools, and enough shovels for each employee at the operation. The box of tools must remain sealed unless being used for firefighting purposes. The box that contains the tools can be made of any material or can be in a single compartment on a truck as long as the box can be closed with a latch or other method. The box is not required to be locked per California Public Resource Code.

A serviceable chainsaw does not need to be in the sealed box of tools but must be at the job site.

Ensure that the purchaser keeps fire tool boxes at each operating landing. Ensure that the boxes are a sealed container of adequate construction and design to protect them from use for activities other than fire suppression. The fire tool box must have adequate hinges and a hasp or other device so that it is possible to attach a seal to the box to prevent anyone from opening it except in the case of fire. Record the seal number on the inspection document.

Contractor shall meet minimum requirements of Section 4428 of the California Public Resources Code (C.P.R.C.). Fire tools kept at each operating landing shall be sufficient to equip all employees in the felling, yarding, loading, chipping, and material processing operations associated with each landing.

Fire equipment shall include two tractor headlights for each tractor dozer used in Contractor's Operations. Tractor headlights shall be attachable to each tractor and served by an adequate power source. All required fire tools shall be maintained in suitable and serviceable condition for fire fighting purposes.