



# Clearances Required in Fuel Dispensing Area

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## RESOURCES

More information on applicable Wisconsin laws can be found at these links:

**Wis. Admin. Code ATCP 93**  
[docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin\\_code/atcp/090/93](http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/atcp/090/93)

**NPFA 30A:**  
<http://www.nfpa.org/codes-and-standards/document-information-pages?mode=code&code=30A>

There are many safety risks associated with the practice of displaying merchandise and other materials within the fuel dispensing area. Wisconsin Administrative Code ATCP 93 and NFPA 30A set clear criteria for dispensing area safety in order to:

- Control the dispenser area for ignition sources
- Provide adequate egress for individuals exiting the dispenser area in case of an emergency
- Allow emergency responders and their equipment proper access to the dispensing area
- Mitigate a fire and keep it from spreading to vehicles and structures on the service station property
- Allow the attendant to adequately observe and monitor what is taking place in the dispensing area

In order to reduce the safety risks, the following requirements must be followed:

- **Combustible merchandise** placed within 20 feet of the dispenser including pallets and packaging material may not be within 3 feet horizontally of the dispenser cabinet. The display may not stand higher than 3 feet above grade per Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 93.620(2)(e)(1) & (2).
- **LPG cylinders** and other similar fuels may not be located within 20 feet of any fuel dispenser per Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 93.620(2)(b).
- **Class I Liquids** other than the fuel being dispensed may not be located within 20 feet of any fuel dispenser per Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 93.620(2)(c).
- **Vending machines/ATMs** and other equipment or devices not required for or not integral to the fueling operation must be installed outside of the fuel dispensing area per Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 93.620(2)(a).
- **All surface area** within a 30-foot radius of the dispenser must be free of high grass, weeds, and debris per Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 93.605(3)(c).
- **Trash receptacles and window washing containers** for public use are permitted within the dispensing area per Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 93.620.

For examples of compliant and non-compliant dispenser areas, please see next page.



**Compliant merchandising display in dispensing area**



**Non-compliant – Display is too high**



**Non-compliant – Display is too high and too close to the dispenser**



**Non-compliant - Display is too high and unbalanced**