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Overview

What are the safety requirements related to batteries & Battery rooms?

Employers must consider exposure to these hazards when developing safe work practices and selecting personal protective equipment (PPE). That is where Article 320, Safety Requirements Related to Batteries and Battery Rooms comes in.

Do battery storage cabinets have exterior labels?

Battery storage cabinets provided in occupied work centers in accordance with Section 430.2.5.5 shall have exterior labels that identify the manufacturer and model number of the system and electrical rating (voltage and current) of the contained battery system.

Do lithium ion batteries need a battery room?

Lithium-ion batteries need a battery room if their capacity exceeds 20 kWh, according to fire codes. NFPA 855 outlines ventilation and safety requirements. Store batteries at a temperature of 59°F (15°C). Also, refer to NFPA 70E for further safety guidelines, and ensure proper exhaust ventilation for off-gas events.

Do you need documentation before entering a battery room?

It is a requirement to have all the documentation in place prior to authorized personnel entering a battery room to perform a specific work task on a battery system under normal operating conditions. However, it is likely the employee will need to enter the battery room to deal with a battery system that is not operating normally.

Can a storage battery system be in the same room?

Battery systems shall be allowed to be in the same room with the equipment they support. Storage batteries, prepackaged stationary storage battery systems and preengineered stationary storage battery systems shall be

segregated into stationary battery arrays not exceeding 50 kWh (180 megajoules) each.

Are battery storage systems dangerous?

There has been a fair amount of news about battery storage systems being involved in fire and explosion incidents around the world. Do not forget that these are not the only safety issues when dealing with batteries. Battery systems pose unique electrical safety hazards.

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