

# Energy storage system equipment distance requirements





### **Overview**

In Section 15.5 of NFPA 855, we learn that individual ESS units shall be separated from each other by a minimum of three feet unless smaller separation distances are documented to be adequate and approved by the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) based on large-scale fire testing. What are the energy storage operational safety guidelines?

In addition to NYSERDA's BESS Guidebook, ESA issued the U.S. Energy Storage Operational Safety Guidelines in December 2019 to provide the BESS industry with a guide to current codes and standards applicable to BESS and provide additional guidelines to plan for and mitigate potential operational hazards.

Can energy storage systems be installed in certain areas?

Energy storage systems can pose a potential fire risk and therefore shouldn't be installed in certain areas of the home. NFPA 855 only permits residential ESS to be installed in the following areas:.

How much energy can a ESS unit store?

Individual ESS units shall have a maximum stored energy of 20 kWh per NFPA Section 15.7. NFPA 855 clearly tells us each unit can be up to 20 kWh, but how much overall storage can you put in your installation?

That depends on where you put it and is defined in Section 15.7.1 of NFPA 855.

What is an energy storage system?

An energy storage system is something that can store energy so that it can be used later as electrical energy. The most popular type of ESS is a battery system and the most common battery system is lithium-ion battery.

What is the battery energy storage system guidebook?

NYSERDA published the Battery Energy Storage System Guidebook, most-



recently updated in December 2020, which contains information and step-bystep instructions to support local governments in New York in managing the development of residential, commercial, and utility-scale BESS in their communities.

What is installation of stationary energy storage systems?

he Installation of Stationary Energy Storage Systems—providesmandatory requirements for, and explanations of, the safety strategies and features of energy storage systems (ESS). Applying to all energy storage technologies, e standard includes chapters for specific technology classes. The depth of this standard makes



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# Siting and Safety Best Practices for Battery Energy Storage ...

UL 9540 (Standard for Energy Storage Systems and Equipment): Provides requirements for energy storage systems that are intended to receive electric energy and then store the energy ...

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# Battery Energy Storage Systems Safety and Best Practices ...

FDNY-Con Edison - Battery Storage Station Familiarization Training Video - This free webinar highlights the importance of emergency response preparation at battery energy storage



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# Best Practices and Considerations for Siting Battery Storage ...

Best Practices and Considerations for Siting Battery Storage Systems Will the battery storage system be sited indoors or outdoors? o Depending on the size of the battery and needs of the ...

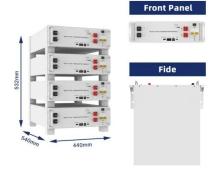
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## Installation Codes and Requirements for Energy Storage Systems ...

An FAQ overview of US installation codes and standard requirements for ESS, including the 2026 edition of NFPA 855 and updates to UL 9540A.







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Noise: Noise produced by the BESS and associated equipment must be kept below a 1-hour average of 60 A-weighted decibels (dBA), based on measurements taken at the outside wall of ...

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# How many meters are the distances between energy storage ...

How many meters are the distances between energy storage stations? 1. Distances between energy storage stations range widely based on various factors, typically ...

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# <u>Safety distance requirements for energy storage cabinets</u>

Electrical energy storage (EES) systems - Part 5-3. Safety requirements for electrochemical based EES systems considering initially non-anticipated modifications, partial replacement, ...



# Explosion Control Guidance for Battery Energy Storage ...

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY Lithium-ion battery (LIB) energy storage systems (BESS) are integral to grid support, renewable energy integration, and backup power. However, they present ...

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### <u>Code Corner: NFPA 855 ESS Unit Spacing</u> <u>Limitations -- ...</u>

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### Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) FAQ Reference 8.23

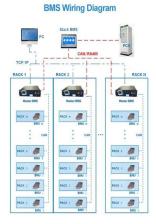
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# Standard for the Installation of Stationary Energy Storage ...

Pursuant to Section 5 of the NFPA Regulations Governing the Development of NFPA Standards, the National Fire Protection Association has issued the following Tentative Interim Amendment ...

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# <u>DS 5-33 Lithium-Ion Battery Energy Storage</u> <u>Systems (Data ...</u>

Energy storage systems can be located in outside enclosures, dedicated buildings or in cutoff rooms within buildings. Energy storage systems can include some or all of the following



# Energy Storage NFPA 855: Improving Energy Storage ...

The focus of the following overview is on how the standard applies to electrochemical (battery) energy storage systems in Chapter 9 and specifically on lithium-ion (Li-ion) batteries.

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### <u>Draft Energy Storage Permitting Guidebook</u>

The guidebook provides details for plan checkers; field inspectors; and those requesting, designing, or installing energy storage systems. Energy storage is a key ...

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### 2021 International Residential Code (IRC)

This comprehensive code comprises all building, plumbing, mechanical, fuel gas and electrical requirements for one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses up to three stories. The 2021 ...

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1 As specified within the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) report, this represents a scenario where the "stationary battery storage increases relatively in response to meet the ...



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