

## A-Core Container

# Safety distance requirements for energy storage battery cabinets



## Overview

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sted to UL 9540. According to UL 9540 the separation between batteries should be 3ft (91.4 cm). UL 9540 also provides that equipment evaluated to UL 9540A with a written report from a nationally recognized testing laboratory (NRTL), such as ETL, can be permitted to be installed with less than 3ft.

Battery Energy Storage Systems, or BESS, help stabilize electrical grids by providing steady power flow despite fluctuations from inconsistent generation of renewable energy sources and other disruptions. While BESS technology is designed to bolster grid reliability, lithium battery fires are a concern.

The following document summarizes safety and siting recommendations for large battery energy storage systems (BESS), defined as 600 kWh and higher, as provided by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), the Energy Storage Association (ESA), and DNV GL, a consulting.

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- When surrounded by ventilated protective walls, heat dissipation surfaces should be at least 1 meter from the wall. • For solid protective walls, the spacing should be 4 meters for heat dissipation surfaces and 0.5 meters for non-dissipating short sides. • The distance between battery containers.

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