

REMOVE ALL FUELED VEHICLES FROM BUILDINGS

Violation #34

CODE SECTIONS

International Fire Code 2012 Edition

313.1 General. Fueled equipment including, but not limited to, motorcycles, mopeds, lawn-care equipment, portable generators and portable cooking equipment, shall not be stored, operated or repaired within a building.

Exceptions:

1. Buildings or rooms constructed for such use in accordance with the *International Building Code*.
2. Where allowed by [Section 314](#).
3. Storage of equipment utilized for maintenance purposes is allowed in *approved* locations when the aggregate fuel capacity of the stored equipment does not exceed 10 gallons (38 L) and the building is equipped throughout with an *automatic sprinkler system* installed in accordance with [Section 903.3.1.1](#).

313.1.1 Removal. The *fire code official* is authorized to require removal of fueled equipment from locations where the presence of such equipment is determined by the *fire code official* to be hazardous.

EXPLANATION

Unless a building has been constructed, classified, and approved for the storage of fueled vehicles, parking of cars, motorcycles, and other equipment containing a significant amount of fuel is prohibited. Parking garages, both residential and commercial, are examples of buildings that can be used for fueled vehicle storage. Parking in ordinary commercial buildings and businesses is prohibited.

RATIONALE

Because of the highly flammable nature of fuels used to power vehicles and the large amount of fuel that this equipment can carry, storing or parking the vehicles is prohibited inside of a building unless the building is designed for such storage. By keeping fueled vehicles outside of your building, the fire risk potential in your building is significantly reduced.