

**CHAPTER 167**

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**167.07 Manufacture, storage and distribution of matches.** (1) No person may manufacture, store, offer for sale, sell, or otherwise dispose of or distribute, any of the following:

- (a) White phosphorus, single-dipped, strike-anywhere matches of the type popularly known as “parlor matches”.
- (b) White phosphorus, double-dipped, strike-anywhere matches, or other type of double-dipped matches, unless the bulb or first dip of such match is composed of a so-called safety or inert composition, nonignitable on an abrasive surface.
- (c) Matches which, when packed in a carton of 500 approximate capacity and placed in an oven maintained at a constant temperature of 200 degrees Fahrenheit, will ignite in 8 hours.
- (d) Blazer, or so-called wind matches, whether of the so-called safety or strike-anywhere type.

(2) (a) No person may do any of the following:

- 1. Offer for sale, sell or otherwise dispose of or distribute any matches, unless the package or container in which such matches are packed bears plainly marked on the outside thereof the name of the manufacturer and the brand or trademark under which such matches are sold, disposed of or distributed.
- 2. Open more than one case of each brand of matches of any type or manufacture at any one time in a retail store where matches are sold or otherwise disposed of.
- 3. Keep loose boxes or paper-wrapped packages of matches on shelves or stored in a retail store at a height exceeding 5 feet from the floor.

(b) All matches stored in warehouses, except manufacturers’ warehouses at the place of manufacture, that contain automatic sprinkler equipment shall be subject to each of the following conditions:

- 1. The matches shall be kept only in properly secured cases.
- 2. The matches shall not be piled to a height exceeding 10 feet from the floor.
- 3. The matches shall not be stored within a horizontal distance of 10 feet from any boiler, furnace, stove or other similar heating apparatus.
- 4. The matches shall not be within a horizontal distance of 25 feet from any explosive material kept or stored on the same floor.

(c) All matches shall be packed in boxes or suitable packages, containing not more than 700 matches in any one box or package. If more than 300 matches are packed in any one box or package, the matches shall be arranged in 2 nearly equal portions, with the heads of the matches in the 2 portions placed in opposite directions. All boxes containing 350 or more matches shall have placed over the matches a center holding or protecting strip, made of chipboard, not less than 1.25 inches wide and the strip shall be flanged down to hold the matches in position when the box is nested into the shuck or withdrawn from it.

(3) All match boxes or packages shall be packed in strong shipping containers or cases; maximum number of match boxes

or packages contained in any one shipping container or case, shall not exceed the following number:

Number of Boxes	Nominal Number of Matches per Box
One-half gross .....	700
One gross .....	500
Two gross .....	400
Three gross .....	300
Five gross .....	200
Twelve gross .....	100
Twenty gross .....	over fifty and under 100
Twenty-five gross .....	under 50

(4) No shipping container or case constructed of fiber board, corrugated fiber board, or wood, nailed or wirebound, shall exceed a weight, including its contents, of 75 pounds; and no lock-cornered wooden case containing matches shall have a weight, including its contents, exceeding 85 pounds; nor shall any other article or commodity be packed with matches in any such container or case; and all such containers and cases in which matches are packed shall have plainly marked on the outside of the container or case the words “Strike-Anywhere Matches” or “Strike-on-the-Box Matches”.

(5) Any person, association or corporation violating this section shall be fined for the first offense not less than \$5 nor more than \$25, and for each subsequent violation not less than \$25.

**History:** 1997 a. 254.

**167.10 Regulation of fireworks.** (1) **DEFINITION.** In this section, “fireworks” means anything manufactured, processed or packaged for exploding, emitting sparks or combustion which does not have another common use, but does not include any of the following:

- (a) Fuel or a lubricant.
- (b) A firearm cartridge or shotgun shell.
- (c) A flare used or possessed or sold for use as a signal in an emergency or in the operation of a railway, aircraft, watercraft or motor vehicle.
- (d) A match, cigarette lighter, stove, furnace, candle, lantern or space heater.
- (e) A cap containing not more than one-quarter grain of explosive mixture, if the cap is used or possessed or sold for use in a device which prevents direct bodily contact with a cap when it is in place for explosion.
- (f) A toy snake which contains no mercury.
- (g) A model rocket engine.
- (h) Tobacco and a tobacco product.
- (i) A sparkler on a wire or wood stick not exceeding 36 inches in length that is designed to produce audible or visible effects or to produce audible and visible effects.

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(j) A device designed to spray out paper confetti or streamers and which contains less than one-quarter grain of explosive mixture.

(k) A fuseless device that is designed to produce audible or visible effects or audible and visible effects, and that contains less than one-quarter grain of explosive mixture.

(L) A device that is designed primarily to burn pyrotechnic smoke-producing mixtures, at a controlled rate, and that produces audible or visible effects, or audible and visible effects.

(m) A cylindrical fountain that consists of one or more tubes and that is classified by the federal department of transportation as a Division 1.4 explosive, as defined in 49 CFR 173.50.

(n) A cone fountain that is classified by the federal department of transportation as a Division 1.4 explosive, as defined in 49 CFR 173.50.

**(2) SALE.** No person may sell or possess with intent to sell fireworks, except:

- (a) To a person holding a permit under sub. (3) (c);
- (b) To a city, village or town; or
- (c) For a purpose specified under sub. (3) (b) 2. to 6.

**(3) USE.** (a) No person may possess or use fireworks without a user's permit from the mayor of the city, president of the village or chairperson of the town in which the possession or use is to occur or from an official or employee of that municipality designated by the mayor, president or chairperson. No person may use fireworks or a device listed under sub. (1) (e) to (g) or (i) to (n) while attending a fireworks display for which a permit has been issued to a person listed under par. (c) 1. to 5. or under par. (c) 6. if the display is open to the general public.

(b) Paragraph (a) does not apply to:

1. The city, village or town, but municipal fire and law enforcement officials shall be notified of the proposed use of fireworks at least 2 days in advance.

2. The possession or use of explosives in accordance with rules or general orders of the department of commerce.

3. The disposal of hazardous substances in accordance with rules adopted by the department of natural resources.

4. The possession or use of explosive or combustible materials in any manufacturing process.

5. The possession or use of explosive or combustible materials in connection with classes conducted by educational institutions.

6. A possessor or manufacturer of explosives in possession of a license or permit under 18 USC 841 to 848 if the possession of the fireworks is authorized under the license or permit.

7. Except as provided in par. (bm), the possession of fireworks in any city, town or village while transporting the fireworks to a city, town or village where the possession of the fireworks is authorized by permit or ordinance.

(bm) Paragraph (a) applies to a person transporting fireworks under par. (b) 7. if, in the course of transporting the fireworks through a city, town or village, the person remains in that city, town or village for a period of at least 12 hours.

(c) A permit under this subsection may be issued only to the following:

1. A public authority.
2. A fair association.
3. An amusement park.
4. A park board.
5. A civic organization.
6. A group of resident or nonresident individuals.
7. An agricultural producer for the protection of crops from predatory birds or animals.

(d) A person issued a permit for crop protection shall erect appropriate warning signs disclosing the use of fireworks for crop protection.

(e) The person issuing a permit under this subsection may require an indemnity bond with good and sufficient sureties or policy of liability insurance for the payment of all claims that may arise by reason of injuries to person or property from the handling, use or discharge of fireworks under the permit. The bond or policy, if required, shall be taken in the name of the city, village or town wherein the fireworks are to be used, and any person injured thereby may bring an action on the bond or policy in the person's own name to recover the damage the person has sustained, but the aggregate liability of the surety or insurer to all persons shall not exceed the amount of the bond or policy. The bond or policy, if required, together with a copy of the permit shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the city, village or town.

(f) A permit under this subsection shall specify all of the following:

1. The name and address of the permit holder.
2. The date on and after which fireworks may be purchased.
3. The kind and quantity of fireworks which may be purchased.
4. The date and location of permitted use.
5. Other special conditions prescribed by ordinance.

(g) A copy of a permit under this subsection shall be given to the municipal fire or law enforcement official at least 2 days before the date of authorized use.

(h) A permit under this subsection may not be issued to a minor.

**(4) OUT-OF-STATE AND IN-STATE SHIPPING.** This section does not prohibit a resident wholesaler or jobber from selling fireworks to a person outside of this state or to a person or group granted a permit under sub. (3) (c) 1. to 7. A resident wholesaler or jobber that ships the fireworks sold under this subsection shall package and ship the fireworks in accordance with applicable state and federal law by, as defined in s. 194.01 (1), (2) and (11), common motor carrier, contract motor carrier or private motor carrier.

**(5) LOCAL REGULATION.** (a) Subject to pars. (b) to (e), a city, village, town or county may enact an ordinance for any of the following:

1. Defining "fireworks" to include all items included under sub. (1) (intro.) and anything under sub. (1) (e), (f), (i), (j), (k), (L), (m) and (n).
2. Prohibiting the sale, possession or use, as defined by ordinance, of fireworks.
3. Regulating the sale, possession or use, as defined by ordinance, of fireworks.

(b) An ordinance under par. (a) may not be less restrictive in its coverage, prohibition or regulation than this section but may be more restrictive than this section.

(d) A county ordinance enacted under par. (a) does not apply and may not be enforced within any city, village or town that has enacted or enacts an ordinance under par. (a).

(e) Notwithstanding par. (a) or par. (b), no city, village, town or county may enact an ordinance that prohibits the possession of fireworks in that city, town, village or county while transporting the fireworks to a city, town, village or county where the possession of the fireworks is authorized by permit or ordinance.

**(6) STORAGE AND HANDLING.** (a) No wholesaler, dealer or jobber may store or handle fireworks in premises unless the premises are equipped with fire extinguishers approved by the fire official of the municipality where the premises are located.

(b) No person may smoke where fireworks are stored or handled.

(c) A person who stores or handles fireworks shall notify the fire official of the municipality in which the fireworks are stored or handled of the location of the fireworks.

(d) No wholesaler, dealer or jobber may store fireworks within 50 feet of a dwelling.

(e) No person may store fireworks within 50 feet of a public assemblage or place where gasoline or volatile liquid is dispensed in quantities exceeding one gallon.

**(6m) LICENSING AND INSPECTING MANUFACTURERS.** (a) No person may manufacture in this state fireworks or a device listed under sub. (1) (e), (f) or (i) to (n) without a fireworks manufacturing license issued by the department of commerce under par. (d).

(b) No person may manufacture in this state fireworks or a device listed under sub. (1) (e), (f) or (i) to (n) unless the person complies with the rules of the department of commerce promulgated under par. (e).

(c) Any person who manufactures in this state fireworks or a device listed under sub. (1) (e), (f) or (i) to (n) shall provide the department of commerce with a copy of each federal license issued under 18 USC 843 to that person.

(d) The department of commerce shall issue a license to manufacture fireworks or devices listed under sub. (1) (e), (f) or (i) to (n) to a person who complies with the rules of the department promulgated under par. (e). The department may not issue a license to a person who does not comply with the rules promulgated under par. (e). The department may revoke a license under this subsection for the refusal to permit an inspection at reasonable times by the department or for a continuing violation of the rules promulgated under par. (e).

(e) The department of commerce shall promulgate rules to establish safety standards for the manufacture in this state of fireworks and devices listed under sub. (1) (e), (f) or (i) to (n).

(f) The department of commerce may inspect at reasonable times the premises on which each person licensed under this subsection manufactures fireworks or devices listed under sub. (1) (e), (f) or (i) to (n).

**(7) PARENTAL LIABILITY.** A parent, foster parent, treatment foster parent, family–operated group home parent or legal guardian of a minor who consents to the use of fireworks by the minor is liable for damages caused by the minor’s use of the fireworks.

**(7m) MUNICIPAL LIABILITY.** No city, village, or town, or committee, official, or employee of a city, village, or town, is civilly liable for damage to any person or property caused by fireworks for the sole reason that the city, village, or town issued a permit in accordance with the requirements of sub. (3) and any applicable requirements authorized under sub. (5), that authorized the purchase, possession, or use of the fireworks.

**(8) ENFORCEMENT.** (a) A city, village or town may petition the circuit court for an order enjoining violations of sub. (2), (3) or (6) or an ordinance adopted under sub. (5).

(b) Fireworks stored, handled, sold, possessed or used by a person who violates this section, an ordinance adopted under sub. (5) or a court order under par. (a) may be seized and held as evidence of the violation. Except as provided in s. 968.20 (4), only the fireworks that are the subject of a violation of this section, an ordinance adopted under sub. (5) or a court order under par. (a) may be destroyed after conviction for a violation. Except as provided in s. 968.20 (4), fireworks that are seized as evidence of a violation for which no conviction results shall be returned to the owner in the same condition as they were when seized to the extent practicable.

**(9) PENALTIES.** (a) A person who violates a court order under sub. (8) (a) shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than 9 months or both.

(b) A person who violates sub. (2), (3) or (6) or an ordinance adopted under sub. (5) shall forfeit not more than \$1,000.

(c) A parent or legal guardian of a minor who consents to the use of fireworks by the minor shall forfeit not more than \$1,000.

(g) Whoever violates sub. (6m) (a), (b) or (c) or a rule promulgated under sub. (6m) (e) is guilty of a Class G felony.

**History:** 1977 c. 260; 1983 a. 446, 538; 1985 a. 135; 1987 a. 377; 1987 a. 403 s. 256; 1989 a. 31; 1989 a. 56 s. 258; 1993 a. 208, 446, 491; 1995 a. 27 ss. 4464 to 4469 and 9116 (5); 1995 a. 330; 1997 a. 3, 35, 283; 2001 a. 109; 2003 a. 298.

**NOTE: 2003 Wis. Act 298, which created sub. (7m), contains explanatory notes.**

**Cross Reference:** See also ss. Comm 5.21 and 9.01, Wis. adm. code.

Sub. (4) may be violated in 3 ways: 1) the improper delivery of fireworks legitimately sold at wholesale; 2) the sale of fireworks at retail; or 3) both. Wholesale under sub. (4) is defined as the sale of goods in quantity for resale. State v. Seigel, 163 Wis. 2d 871, 472 N.W.2d 584 (Ct. App. 1991).

A fireworks purchaser must have a federal license, hold a valid permit under this section or be a municipality. There is no exception from this requirement because the seller holds a federal license. City of Wisconsin Dells v. Dells Fireworks, Inc. 197 Wis. 2d 1, 539 N.W.2d 916 (Ct. App. 1995).

Fireworks permits issued to groups do not authorize sales of fireworks to group members for their individual use. City of Wisconsin Dells v. Dells Fireworks, Inc. 197 Wis. 2d 1, 539 N.W.2d 916 (Ct. App. 1995), 94–1999.

Sub. (4) allows sales to purchasers physically outside of the state’s boundaries but does not permit sales within the state’s boundaries to nonresidents. Sub. (4) permits the purchase of restricted fireworks within the state only by purchasers with a permit or who fit within a specified exception under sub. (2). State v. Victory Fireworks, Inc. 230 Wis. 2d 721, 602 N.W.2d 128 (Ct. App. 1999), 99–0243.

**167.11 Hazardous substances.** (1) No person shall sell, offer for sale or otherwise distribute any package of a substance which when mixed with organic matter will cause spontaneous combustion under reasonably anticipated conditions of use or handling unless the package bears a label clearly warning that the substance will create a fire hazard when so mixed.

(2) The department of commerce shall, by rule, set forth the nature of such warning and shall enforce this section.

(3) Any person violating this section may be fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$100 for each offense.

**History:** 1995 a. 27, ss. 4470 and 9116 (5).

**167.12 Safety appliances.** Any person, firm, or corporation who shall sell, offer or expose for sale, or use any machine to be operated by steam, or other power, for the purpose of husking or shredding corn or corn stalks shall provide such machine with safety or automatic feeding devices for the protection from accident by the snapping rollers, husking rollers, and shredding knives of any person using or operating such machine in the discharge of their duty, and such machine shall be so guarded that the person feeding said machine shall be compelled to stand at a safe distance from the snapping rollers; and any person, firm, or corporation operating such machine shall maintain thereon such safety or automatic feeding devices. The duty to equip such machine with safety or automatic feeding devices, as well as the duty to maintain the same, shall be absolute; and the exercise of ordinary care on the part of such person, firm, or corporation operating such machine shall not be deemed a compliance with such duty; and in case any person in the employ of such person, firm, or corporation operating such machine continues in such employment when such device has not been installed and maintained, as above provided, such employee shall not be deemed guilty of a want of ordinary care, on account of so continuing in such employment.

**167.13 Operation.** No person, firm or corporation shall use, operate or permit to be used or operated any such machine purchased prior to June 12, 1909, unless during all the time such machine shall be used and operated it shall be in charge of a competent person whose sole duty shall be to oversee and attend to the operation and use of the same; nor use, operate or permit to be used or operated any such machine whatever while the safety devices or guards are detached.

**167.14 Sale regulated.** No such machine shall be sold or offered or exposed for sale unless the said machine shall have plainly marked upon it the name and location of the person, firm or corporation manufacturing the same.

**167.151 Unlawful operation of corn shredders.** Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions



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of ss. 167.12 to 167.14 shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25 or more than \$100 for each offense.

**167.18 Threshing machine joints to be covered.** Any person owning or running any threshing machine in this state so constructed that any joint, knuckle or jack thereof is dangerously exposed, who shall neglect to cover or secure the same in some suitable manner so as to prevent injury to persons passing over or near the same, shall be punished by fine not exceeding \$50 nor less than \$2.

**167.19 Farm machinery storage.** (1) Retail dealer's buildings for the storage of farm tractors, trucks and motorized farm machinery may be metal covered, pole type or frame and if other than metal or concrete covered shall not be closer than 30 feet to any other building. If the building is more than 50 feet in length it shall have more than one door.

(2) Motor fuel and storage batteries must be removed from units stored in such buildings, and any repairing or overhauling of the units in such buildings is prohibited.

**167.20 Stairway guards.** (1) The owner of any building or other structure which has an open stairway or area way leading to or abutting upon any sidewalk, and the owner of any real estate adjacent to or abutting upon any sidewalk and which is lower than such sidewalk, shall sufficiently guard such stairway or area way or property as to prevent accidents.

(2) Any person who violates this section shall be fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$100 or imprisoned for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months. Each day during which a violation of this section continues shall be considered a separate offense.

**History:** 1997 a. 254.

**167.22 Cigars not to be manufactured in basements.** No shop or place wherein cigars are manufactured shall be located below the ground floor.

**167.25 Refrigerators and iceboxes.** (1) Any person who discards or abandons any refrigerator, icebox or deep freeze locker, having a capacity of 1 1/2 cubic feet or more, which is no longer in use, and which has not had the door removed, or such portion of the latch mechanism removed to prevent latching or locking of the door, is guilty of a misdemeanor. Any owner, lessee or manager who knowingly permits such a refrigerator, icebox or deep freeze locker to remain on premises under his or her control without having the door removed or such portion of the latch mechanism removed to prevent latching or locking of the door is guilty of a misdemeanor. Any person violating this section shall be fined not more than \$50 or imprisoned not more than 30 days or both.

(2) Guilt of a violation of this section shall not, in itself, render one guilty of manslaughter, battery or other crime against a person who may suffer death or injury from entrapment in such refrigerator, icebox or deep freeze locker.

**History:** 1993 a. 482.

**167.26 Leaving unguarded ice holes.** (1b) In this section:

(a) "Nonprofit membership corporation" means a corporation as described in s. 779.70 (1).

(b) "Qualified lake association" means an association that meets the qualifications under s. 281.68 (3m) (a).

(c) "Water quality project" means a project that improves water quality, including a project that improves fish habitat or that reduces or prevents any of the following:

1. Blue-green algae.
2. The release of anoxic gases or nutrients.

(1g) Except as provided in sub. (1m), any person who removes ice or causes its removal from any stream, pond or lake shall place around the margin of the opening made by such

removal a fence, by setting posts of not less than 2 by 4 in size with any of the following fencings:

(a) A fence board attached not less than 3 1/2 feet above the surface of the ice on the stream, pond or lake.

(b) Colored plastic construction roll fencing attached to the posts.

(1m) Instead of the requirements under sub. (1g), any person who removes ice or causes its removal from Lake Butte des Morts, Lake Poygan, Lake Winnebago or Lake Winneconne for the spearing of sturgeon may mark the opening made by the removal without using fencing if the person uses at least 2 strips of wood that protrude at least 3 feet above the surface of the ice. The strips of wood may not exceed approximately 1.5 inches in width and approximately 0.25 inch in thickness.

(2) (a) Instead of the requirements under sub. (1g), any person creating ice holes by aeration of water may do any of the following:

1. Erect and maintain a barricade around the holes consisting of uprights that are spaced at adequate intervals to maintain the barricade and that are connected by a continuous rope, cord, or similar material placed at least 2.5 feet and not more than 4.5 feet off the surface.

2. Erect and maintain a visual warning mechanism that is highly visible and that is reflectorized, fluorescent, or lighted.

(b) The connecting rope, cord, or similar material specified in par. (a) 1. shall have reflectorized, fluorescent, or lighted ribbon or tape or other reflectorized devices attached to it, so as to be highly visible, and shall be of sufficient strength to permit retrieval of the barricade following melting of the ice.

(c) Any person erecting a barricade or warning mechanism under this subsection shall remove the barricade and all parts of the barricade or mechanism immediately after the ice has melted.

(2m) (a) Instead of the requirements under subs. (1g) and (2), any public inland lake protection and rehabilitation district or any nonprofit membership corporation that is creating ice holes for a lake by aeration of water for purposes of a water quality project that has been approved by the department of natural resources may provide alternative warning methods by doing all of the following:

1. Posting highly visible warning notices at each shoreline area through which the public has access to the lake.

2. Providing a written warning notice to each owner of riparian property on the lake.

(b) Each warning notice placed by a public inland lake protection and rehabilitation district or a nonprofit membership corporation under par. (a) 1. shall meet all of the following requirements:

1. The size, lettering, and format of each notice shall be designed so as to make the notice readable by the public at a distance of 60 feet.

2. Each notice shall contain the wording "DANGER—OPEN WATER," "WARNING—ICE HOLES," or "DANGER—THIN ICE" or wording of a similar nature.

3. Each notice shall replicate the wording required under subd. 2. so that the wording on each notice is visible from the shoreline and from the water.

4. Each notice shall be made of durable material and lettering and shall be replaced as necessary so that the notice remains readable throughout the winter season.

5. The notices shall be placed no later than December 15 of each winter season.

(c) The written notices provided to each owner of riparian property by a public inland lake protection and rehabilitation district or a nonprofit membership corporation under par. (a) 2. shall be provided no later than December 15 of each winter season.

(3) (a) Except as provided in par. (b), a person barricading or marking an ice hole or opening in the manner specified in this section, or erecting a warning device or posting a notice for an ice hole or opening in the manner specified in this section, shall be

exempt from liability for injury to or the death of any person or for damage to any property that results from creating the ice hole or opening.

(b) Except as provided in par. (c), a member of a qualified lake association or of a nonprofit membership corporation shall be exempt from any liability incurred by the qualified lake association or nonprofit membership corporation in creating an ice hole or opening that is subject to the barricading, fencing, or warning requirements under this section.

(c) Any riparian property owner who is aware of the existence of an ice hole or opening in the stream, pond, or lake to which his or her riparian property abuts shall not be exempt from liability as provided in par. (a) if the owner fails to warn a person to whom the owner has given permission to cross the property in order to have access to the stream, pond, or lake by doing one of the following:

1. Directly warning the person of the existence of the ice hole or opening.

2. Posting a warning notice on the property that complies with the requirements specified under sub. (2m) (b) 1. to 5.

(4) This section shall not apply to ice holes caused by hydroelectric dams or by air bubbler systems installed by the corps of engineers for navigational purposes.

(5) This section shall apply to all navigable or public waters of the state.

(6) Any person violating sub. (1g), (1m), (2), or (2m) shall be imprisoned for not more than 6 months or fined not more than \$100. Any person who removes a barricade, fencing, a warning notice, or a warning mechanism or other barrier or marking that complies with this section during the period beginning with December 15 of a given year and ending on March 30 of the following year may be imprisoned for not more than 6 months or fined not more than \$100.

**History:** 1975 c. 296; 1987 a. 27; 1991 a. 269; 1993 a. 133, 213, 491; 1997 a. 167; 2005 a. 395.

### 167.27 Capping and filling wells or similar structures.

(1) This section applies only to counties of a population of 500,000 or more.

(2) The owner of any real estate shall securely protect any well, seepage pit, cistern, cesspool, septic tank, or other similar structures in active use with a cover of concrete, metal or wood covered with sheet metal, securely fastened and of sufficient weight so it cannot be removed by small children and so as to make it free from danger to persons going upon such real estate.

(3) Whenever any shallow dug well, seepage pit, cistern, cesspool or septic tank is abandoned or its use discontinued, the owner of the real estate upon which it is located shall promptly fill the same to grade.

(4) Whenever any drilled, bored or deep dug well, except test wells of 10 inches or less in diameter, is abandoned or its use discontinued, the owner of the real estate upon which it is located shall promptly fill the same, either with alternate layers of sand or clay and concrete, and seal with a concrete cover at least 5 inches thick, or in accordance with recommendations of the department of health and family services.

(5) Whenever any mine shaft, exploration shaft or test well is abandoned or its use discontinued, the operator or contractor shall promptly fill same to grade or enclose the same with a fence of strong woven wire not less than 46 inches wide with one barbwire above or cap same with a reinforced concrete slab at least 6 inches thick or with a native boulder at least 3 times the diameter of the top of the shaft or test well bore. The strands of the woven wire shall not be smaller than No. 12 wire and the cross wires and meshes shall not be smaller than No. 16 wire; the strands shall not be more than 12 inches apart, and the meshes shall not exceed 8 inches square. All wires must be tightly stretched and securely fastened to sufficient posts firmly set not more than 8 feet apart. In case any person shall neglect to repair or rebuild such fence which the person is so required to build and maintain, any person may complain to the department of commerce or to the local gov-

erning body, which shall give notice in writing to the person who is required to build and maintain such fence. The department of commerce or the local governing body shall then proceed to examine the fence, and if it shall determine that such fence is insufficient, it shall notify the person responsible for its erection and maintenance and direct the person to repair or rebuild the fence within such time as it shall deem reasonable. Any person refusing to comply with such order shall be subject to the penalties provided.

(6) Existing abandoned mine shafts, exploration shafts or test wells shall be securely protected by owner of the real estate upon which it is located.

(7) Any person violating this section shall be fined not less than \$10 nor more than \$200 or imprisoned not exceeding 6 months, or both.

(8) Any violation of this section coming to the attention of the department of commerce or municipal authorities shall be reported to the attorney general or district attorney for prosecution.

**History:** 1993 a. 482; 1995 a. 27 ss. 4471, 4472, 9116 (5) and 9126 (19).

**167.30 Use of firearms, etc., near park, etc.** Any person who shall discharge or cause the discharge of any missile from any firearm, slung shot, bow and arrow or other weapon, within 40 rods of any public park, square or enclosure owned or controlled by any municipality within this state and resorted to for recreation or pleasure, when such park, square or enclosure is wholly situated without the limits of such municipality, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding 60 days or by fine of not more than \$25 nor less than one dollar.

### 167.31 Safe use and transportation of firearms and bows. (1) DEFINITIONS. In this section:

(a) "Aircraft" has the meaning given under s. 114.002 (3).

(b) "Encased" means enclosed in a case that is expressly made for the purpose of containing a firearm and that is completely zipped, snapped, buckled, tied or otherwise fastened with no part of the firearm exposed.

(bg) "Family member of the landowner" means a person who is related to the landowner as a parent, child, spouse, or sibling.

(bn) "Farm tractor" has the meaning given in s. 340.01 (16).

(c) "Firearm" means a weapon that acts by force of gunpowder.

(d) "Highway" has the meaning given under s. 340.01 (22).

(dm) "Implement of husbandry" has the meaning given in s. 340.01 (24).

(e) "Motorboat" has the meaning given under s. 30.50 (6).

(em) "Peace officer" has the meaning given in s. 939.22 (22).

(et) "Private security person" has the meaning given in s. 440.26 (1m) (h).

(f) "Roadway" has the meaning given under s. 340.01 (54).

(fm) "Street" means a highway that is within the corporate limits of a city or village.

(fr) "Transmission facility" means any pipe, pipeline, duct, wire, cable, line, conduit, pole, tower, equipment, or other structure used to transmit or distribute electricity to or for the public or to transmit or distribute communications or data to or from the public.

(g) "Unloaded" means any of the following:

1. Having no shell or cartridge in the chamber of a firearm or in the magazine attached to a firearm.

2. In the case of a cap lock muzzle-loading firearm, having the cap removed.

3. In the case of a flint lock muzzle-loading firearm, having the flashpan cleaned of powder.

(h) "Vehicle" has the meaning given in s. 340.01 (74), and includes a snowmobile, as defined in s. 340.01 (58a), and an electric personal assistive mobility device, as defined in s. 340.01 (15pm), except that for purposes of subs. (4) (c) and (cg) and (4m)

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“vehicle” has the meaning given for “motor vehicle” in s. 29.001 (57).

(2) PROHIBITIONS; MOTORBOATS AND VEHICLES; HIGHWAYS AND ROADWAYS. (a) Except as provided in sub. (4), no person may place, possess or transport a firearm, bow or crossbow in or on a motorboat with the motor running, unless the firearm is unloaded or unless the bow or crossbow is unstrung or is enclosed in a carrying case.

(b) Except as provided in sub. (4), no person may place, possess or transport a firearm, bow or crossbow in or on a vehicle, unless the firearm is unloaded and encased or unless the bow or crossbow is unstrung or is enclosed in a carrying case.

(c) Except as provided in sub. (4), no person may load or discharge a firearm or shoot a bolt or an arrow from a bow or crossbow in or from a vehicle.

(d) Except as provided in sub. (4) (a), [(bg),] (cg), (e), and (g), no person may discharge a firearm or shoot a bolt or an arrow from a bow or crossbow from or across a highway or within 50 feet of the center of a roadway.

NOTE: The bracketed language was erroneously deleted by 2005 Wis Act 253. Corrective legislation is pending.

(e) A person who violates pars. (a) to (d) is subject to a forfeiture of not more than \$100.

(3) PROHIBITIONS; AIRCRAFT. (a) Except as provided in sub. (4), no person may place, possess or transport a firearm, bow or crossbow in or on an aircraft, unless the firearm is unloaded and encased or unless the bow or crossbow is unstrung or is enclosed in a carrying case.

(b) Except as provided in sub. (4), no person may load or discharge a firearm or shoot a bolt or an arrow from a bow or crossbow in or from an aircraft.

(c) A person who violates par. (a) or (b) shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than 90 days or both.

(3m) PROHIBITIONS; TRANSMISSION FACILITIES. (a) Except as provided in sub. (4) (b) and (h), no person may intentionally discharge a firearm in the direction of a transmission facility.

(b) A person who violates par. (a) and causes damage to a transmission facility is subject to a forfeiture of not more than \$100.

(c) In addition to any forfeiture imposed under par. (b), the court shall revoke any hunting license under ch. 29 that is issued to the person found in violation for a period of one year.

(d) In addition to any forfeiture imposed under par. (b) and the revocation required under par. (c), the court shall enter a restitution order that requires the defendant to pay to the owner of the transmission facility the reasonable cost of the repair or replacement of the transmission facility.

(4) EXCEPTIONS. (a) Subsections (2) and (3) do not apply to any of the following who, in the line of duty, place, possess, transport, load or discharge a firearm in, on or from a vehicle, motorboat or aircraft or discharge a firearm from or across a highway or within 50 feet of the center of a roadway:

2. A member of the U.S. armed forces.
3. A member of the national guard.
4. A private security person who meets all of the following requirements:
  - a. He or she holds either a private detective license issued under s. 440.26 (2) (a) 2. or a private security permit issued under s. 440.26 (5).
  - b. He or she holds a certificate of proficiency to carry a firearm issued by the department of regulation and licensing.
  - c. He or she is performing his or her assigned duties or responsibilities.
  - d. He or she is wearing a uniform that clearly identifies him or her as a private security person.
  - e. His or her firearm is in plain view, as defined by rule by the department of regulation and licensing.

(am) 1. Subsections (2) (a), (c) and (d) and (3) (a) and (b) do not apply to a peace officer who, in the line of duty, loads or dis-

charges a firearm in, on or from a vehicle, motorboat or aircraft or discharges a firearm from or across a highway or within 50 feet of the center of a roadway.

2. Subsection (2) (b) does not apply to a peace officer who places, possesses or transports a firearm in or on a vehicle, motorboat or aircraft while in the line of duty.

3. Subsection (2) (b) does not apply to a person employed as a peace officer who places, possesses or transports a firearm in or on a vehicle while traveling in the vehicle from his or her residence to his or her place of employment as a peace officer.

(b) Subsections (2) (a), (b) and (c), (3) (a) and (b), and (3m) do not apply to the holder of a scientific research license under s. 169.25 or a scientific collector permit under s. 29.614 who is using a net gun or tranquilizer gun in an activity related to the purpose for which the license or permit was issued.

(bg) 1. Subsection (2) (a), (b), (c), and (d) does not apply to a state employee or agent, or to a federal employee or agent, who is acting within the scope of his or her employment or agency, who is authorized by the department of natural resources to take animals in the wild for the purpose of controlling the spread of disease in animals and who is hunting in an area designated by the department of natural resources as a chronic wasting disease eradication zone, except that this subdivision does not authorize the discharge of a firearm or the shooting of a bolt or arrow from a bow or crossbow across a state trunk highway, county trunk highway, or paved town highway.

1g. Subsection (2) (b) and (c) does not apply to a landowner, a family member of the landowner, or an employee of the landowner who is using a firearm, bow, or crossbow to shoot wild animals from a farm tractor or an implement of husbandry on the landowner's land that is located in an area designated by the department of natural resources as a chronic wasting disease eradication zone.

2. This paragraph does not apply after June 30, 2010.

NOTE: 2005 Wis. Act 253, a revisor's correction bill enacted 3–30–06, repealed par. (bg) because par. (bg) 2. stated it did not apply after June 30, 2004. However, 2005 Wis. Act 286, enacted 4–8–06, amended the sunset date in par. (bg) 2. date from June 30, 2004 to June 30, 2010. Corrective legislation is pending.

(bn) Subsection (2) (a) does not apply to a person using a bow or a crossbow for fishing from a motorboat.

(bt) Subsection (2) (b) does not apply to the placement, possession, or transportation of an unloaded firearm in or on a vehicle if all of the following apply:

1. The vehicle is a self-propelled motor vehicle with 4 rubber-tired wheels.
2. The vehicle is not certified by the manufacturer for on-road use.
3. The vehicle is not an all-terrain vehicle, as defined in s. 340.01 (2) (g) [s. 340.01 (2g)].

NOTE: The bracketed language indicates the correct cross-reference. Corrective legislation is pending.

4. The vehicle is being used to transport individuals involved in sport shooting activities at sport shooting ranges, as defined in s. 895.527 (1), and is not being used to transport individuals involved in hunting.

5. The vehicle is being operated entirely on private property and is not being operated in the right-of-way of any highway.

(c) Subsection (2) (b) and (c) does not apply to the holder of a Class A or Class B permit under s. 29.193 (2) who is hunting from a stationary vehicle.

(cg) A holder of a Class A or Class B permit under s. 29.193 (2) who is hunting from a stationary vehicle may load and discharge a firearm or shoot a bolt or an arrow within 50 feet of the center of a roadway if all of the following apply:

1. The roadway is part of a county highway, a town highway or any other highway that is not part of a street or of a state trunk or federal highway.
2. The vehicle is located off the roadway and is not in violation of any prohibition or restriction that applies to the parking,



stopping or standing of the vehicle under ss. 346.51 to 346.55 or under a regulation enacted under s. 349.06 or 349.13.

3. The holder of the permit is not hunting game to fill the tag of another person.

4. The holder of the permit has obtained permission from any person who is the owner or lessee of private property across or on to which the holder of the permit intends to discharge a firearm or shoot a bolt or an arrow.

5. The vehicle bears special registration plates issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), (1m) or (1r) or displays a sign that is at least 11 inches square on which is conspicuously written “disabled hunter”.

6. The holder of the permit discharges the firearm or shoots the bolt or arrow away from and not across or parallel to the roadway.

(cm) For purposes of pars. (c) and (cg), the exemption from sub. (2) (b) under these paragraphs only applies to the firearm, bow or crossbow being used for hunting by the holder of the Class A or Class B permit under s. 29.193 (2).

(co) For purposes of par. (cg), a person may stop a vehicle off the roadway on the left side of the highway.

(cr) For purposes of par. (cg) 4., “private property” does not include property leased for hunting by the public, land that is subject to a contract under subch. I of ch. 77, or land that is subject to an order designating it as managed forest land under subch. VI of ch. 77 and that is not designated as closed to the public under s. 77.83 (1).

(d) Subsection (2) (b) does not prohibit a person from leaning an unloaded firearm against a vehicle.

(e) Subsection (2) (d) does not apply to a person who is legally hunting small game with a muzzle-loading firearm or with a shotgun loaded with shotshell or chilled shot number BB or smaller, if the surface of the highway or roadway is anything other than concrete or blacktop.

(f) Subsection (2) (d) does not prohibit a person from possessing a loaded firearm within 50 feet of the center of a roadway if the person does not violate sub. (2) (b) or (c).

(g) A person who is fishing with a bow and arrow may shoot an arrow from a bow within 50 feet of the center of a roadway if the person does not shoot the arrow from the roadway or across a highway.

(h) Subsection (3m) does not apply to any of the following who discharge a firearm in the direction of a transmission facility:

1. A member of the armed forces in the line of duty.
2. A member of the national guard in the line of duty.
3. A peace officer in the line of duty.

4. A private security person who meets all of the requirements under par. (a) 4.

**(4m) RULES.** The department of natural resources may further restrict hunting from stationary vehicles on county or town highways by promulgating rules designating certain county and town highways, or portions thereof, upon which a holder of a Class A or Class B permit issued under s. 29.193 (2) may not discharge a firearm or shoot a bolt or an arrow from a bow or crossbow under sub. (4) (cg). For each restriction of hunting from a county or town highway contained in a rule to be promulgated under this subsection, the department shall submit a specific justification for the restriction with the rule submitted to legislative council staff for review under s. 227.15 (1).

**(5) WEAPONS SURCHARGE.** (a) If a court imposes a fine or forfeiture for a violation of this section, the court shall also impose

a weapons surcharge under ch. 814 equal to 75% of the amount of the fine or forfeiture.

(b) If a fine or forfeiture is suspended in whole or in part, the weapons surcharge shall be reduced in proportion to the suspension.

(c) If any deposit is made for an offense to which this subsection applies, the person making the deposit shall also deposit a sufficient amount to include the weapons surcharge under this subsection. If the deposit is forfeited, the amount of the weapons surcharge shall be transmitted to the secretary of administration under par. (d). If the deposit is returned, the amount of the weapons surcharge shall also be returned.

(d) The clerk of the circuit court shall collect and transmit to the county treasurer the weapons surcharge as required under s. 59.40 (2) (m). The county treasurer shall then pay the secretary of administration as provided in s. 59.25 (3) (f) 2. The secretary of administration shall deposit all amounts received under this paragraph in the conservation fund to be appropriated under s. 20.370 (3) (mu).

**History:** 1985 a. 36; 1987 a. 27, 353; 1991 a. 77; 1993 a. 147; 1995 a. 122, 201; 1997 a. 248, 249; 1999 a. 32, 158; 2001 a. 8, 56, 90, 108; 2003 a. 33, 139, 326; 2005 a. 169, 253, 286, 345.

**Cross Reference:** See also ss. NR 10.001, 10.05, and 10.07, Wis. adm. code.

**167.32 Safety at sporting events. (1) DEFINITIONS.** In this section:

(a) “Alcohol beverages” means fermented malt beverages and intoxicating liquor.

(b) “Facility” means building or stadium.

(c) “Fermented malt beverages” has the meaning designated in s. 125.02 (6).

(d) “Intoxicating liquor” has the meaning designated in s. 125.02 (8).

(e) “Passing” includes pushing, pulling, throwing and moving.

(f) “Sports facility” means a facility where sporting events are held, regardless of whether that is the exclusive use of the facility.

**(2) BODY PASSING.** (a) A spectator at a sporting event at a sports facility shall not participate in the process of passing another person above the floor or ground from one location to another.

(b) Paragraph (a) does not apply to the act of a person moving another person in order to render first aid or otherwise assist or care for that other person.

**(3) OBJECT PASSING.** A spectator at a sporting event at a sports facility shall not participate in the process of passing bleachers, seats or other objects in a manner which threatens the safety of other persons.

**(4) ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION.** (a) A spectator shall not bring alcohol beverages into a sports facility where there is a sporting event at the sports facility.

(b) A spectator shall not possess or consume alcohol beverages at a sporting event at a sports facility if the alcohol beverages were brought to the facility as specified in par. (a).

(c) This subsection does not apply to any vendor or other person who brings alcohol beverages into a sports facility with the authorization of the person in charge of the facility.

**(5) FORFEITURE.** Any person who violates sub. (2), (3) or (4) shall forfeit \$50.

**(6) CITATION PROCEDURE.** The state may use the citation procedures under s. 778.25 to enforce this section. A county or municipality may use the citation procedures under s. 778.25 to enforce a local ordinance strictly conforming to this section.

**History:** 1985 a. 254.