

FAQ - Isolation Distance Requirements

Water Wells and other Private Water Systems:

Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3701-28-07

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Question:

- 1. I wanted to know if I could install a water well in the basement. I am building a safe room and would like to have access to the well from indoors?**

Answer:

No. Ohio Administrative Code Chapter Rule 3701-28-10 (C) states:

“A private water system shall be located so that it is accessible for cleaning, treatment, repair, alteration, testing, and such other attention as may be necessary. A well, or cistern, hauled water storage tank, or any other water source for a private water system shall not be located within the foundation of any building, except within a building designed and constructed solely to house pumping and water system equipment. The walls of a cistern or hauled water storage tank shall not share a common wall with another structure or be used as a supporting structure. “