

For your safety,
ExxonMobil recommends
that you observe
all posted safety warnings
while pumping gas.

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Safety At The Pump



For your safety, we ask that you follow
these precautions before and while
pumping gas:

- **No smoking**
- **Turn off engine**
- **Turn off cell phones and other
electronic devices**
- **Discharge static before fueling**
- **Place portable fuel containers
on ground before fueling**
- **Never allow children to use
the pump**

Static Electricity at the Pump

You get out of the car to get gas and as you close your car door...zap! You feel a shock. This is caused by static electricity.

While the static shock may be unpleasant, it is important to discharge the static from your body before touching the gas pump nozzle. On rare occasions, the static electricity spark can ignite the gasoline vapors causing a flash fire.

Static electricity is more common during cool or cold and dry weather although it may occur at any time. Static electricity is a naturally occurring phenomenon and is not unique to the service station environment.

Incidents of fire caused by static electricity at service stations are very rare. Consumers collectively fuel their vehicles between 16 and 18 billion times a year at U.S. gas stations. By comparison, the Petroleum Equipment Institute has documented over 100 fueling fires that appear to have been caused by static electricity. A significant majority of these were reported to have occurred between 1999 and 2002.

Preventing a Static Fire

- Before using the pump, touch metal on the car (such as the door) with your bare hand. This will discharge static electricity on your body and will prevent possible fire.
- Once the gasoline is pumping, do not get back in your vehicle. This can re-charge your body with static electricity. If you must get back in your vehicle, discharge static electricity again before touching the pump nozzle.

If a Fire Starts

- If a fire starts while the pump nozzle is in your vehicle, do not remove the nozzle.
- Back away immediately and tell the station attendant.

Filling Portable Containers

- Filling portable containers in or on the vehicle is dangerous if the container has not been grounded. Static electricity could create a spark and start a flash fire.
- Always put the container on the ground to fill, and keep the pump nozzle in contact with the container until you are done filling.
- Please be aware that it is unlawful and dangerous to put gasoline into unapproved containers.

Cell Phones & Other Electronic Devices

- Some cell phone manufacturers have cautioned their customers to switch off their cell phones while pumping gas because of the remote possibility that the cell phone could act as a source of ignition similar to static electricity.
- ExxonMobil has not experienced any problems caused by cell phones at service stations. However, please turn off your cell phone and other electronic devices, such as pagers and portable CD players at the pump as a precautionary measure. There are no documented cases that link cell phones to fires at service stations.