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Locally set 'Backrooms' deeply unnerving



In "Backrooms," Clark (Chiwetel Ejiofor) encounters a monster while exploring an otherworldly dimension. PROVIDED BY A24

Film turns Oshkosh lore into claustrophobic horror

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"Backrooms" brings an Oshkosh, Wisconsin, internet legend to the big screen in a tense, stylish horror film from 20-year-old director Kane Parsons.

The A24 release blends found-footage unease, psychological horror and breakout box-office power into one of the year's biggest genre surprises.

'Backrooms' review: A tense mix of found-footage and psychological horror

"Backrooms" plays like "The Blair Witch Project" filtered through "American Horror Story" and "The Shining."

Parsons knows the most effective horror comes from atmosphere, not jump scares. He builds dread through silence, repetition and the sense that the walls may never end.

Fluorescent lights buzz overhead. Yellow walls close in. Corridors stretch without logic. The effect is claustrophobic and deeply unnerving.

The result is a modern horror film that understands internet folklore but works just as well for viewers who have never heard of the Backrooms.

What 'The Backrooms' movie is about

The film follows a therapist who enters a realm beyond reality after a patient disappears, only to find a maze of

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The photo of "The Backrooms" in 2003 that got a following online. It was later revealed to be taken in an Oshkosh store. PROVIDED BY FARRELL MCGUIRE



Kane Parsons, seen here directing Chiwetel Ejiofor on the set of "Backrooms," is the youngest director in A24 history. PROVIDED BY ASTERIOS MOUTSOKAPAS/A24



A concealed carry firearm. Sussex County Council introduced a new ordinance prohibiting open carry firearms in county buildings.

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Can you carry a gun in a grocery store in Wisconsin?

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MANITOWOC - The right to own a gun is a constitutional right in the United States, but it is important to understand where you can legally carry one and what regulations apply.

Here is what to know about Wisconsin gun laws and where you can carry a firearm.

Can I carry a gun in a Wisconsin grocery store?

Generally, yes. Any adult who can legally possess a firearm may openly carry a gun in a grocery store. People with a concealed carry permit may also carry a concealed gun.

However, grocery stores are private property, and owners may prohibit

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State UTV riders must wear seat belts under new law

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A new law in Wisconsin that took effect June 1 requires all UTV drivers and passengers to wear seat belts.

The new requirement is one of a handful of law changes for ATV and UTV riders in Wisconsin, according to the state Department of Natural Resources.

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