

BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS FOR SWIMMING POOLS ESSENTIAL TO CHILD SAFETY

ALARMS

When there is a deck connecting the pool to the house that can be accessed through a door or slider, the door must have an audible alarm.

A floating alarm within the pool must be utilized to further protect children from harm if they arbitrarily enter or fall into the pool.

FENCES

1. Construction of a four foot or higher fence with a self-closing and self-latching gate around the pool is the responsibility of the owner.
2. The fence around the pool shall be sound and secure, and of sufficient strength to restrain children from entering the pool. The design of the fence shall be such that your children cannot climb it, and a sphere with a diameter of four (4) inches cannot pass through any opening.
3. When a portable ladder is used for entry into an above-ground pool, a fence with self-closing and self-latching gate is required.
4. When an above-ground pool is on land that varies in grade allowing children access at a point, a fence attached to the pool where it is less than four feet from the ground will comply with the requirement.
5. In the event the pool enclosure or fence reaches all the way to the house, the door from the house must be self-closing and self-latching , OR alarmed.

NOTE: FOR SWIMMING POOL PERMIT

Note: The following requirement must be met **PRIOR** to pool use or filling with water.

- Barrier, self-closing gate, and automatic latch, all four feet or higher:
- Wiring to code by homeowner or electrical contractor.
- Inspection of grounding and completed pool and Certificate of Occupancy.