

POOL REGULATIONS



- Any pool, hot tub, or spa, whether above ground or in ground deeper than 24” requires a building permit. (Even if less than 24” it is advised to have a fence.)
- Any outdoor swimming pool, including an in-ground, above-ground, or on-ground pool, hot tub, or spa shall be surrounded with a barrier that is at least 48 inches above grade (ground).
- The maximum vertical clearance between grade and the bottom of the barrier should be 2 inches.
- The barrier shall be at grade or in the case of some above ground pools mounted on top of the pool structure. The wall of the above ground pool can serve as the barrier if it is a minimum of 48" from grade to top of pool wall.
- For above ground pools that are 48 inches in height and are accessed via a ladder and/or stairs, the stairs and/or ladder shall be removal and/or retractable. Where fixed stairs/ladders are used; the stairs/ladders shall be protected by a barrier.
- When an access gate is installed within a barrier; the access gate shall be self closing and self-latching; additionally, the gate shall open outward away from the swimming pool.
- Where a wall of a dwelling is used as a barrier and there is direct access from the dwelling to the swimming pool, at least one of the following options shall be used:
 - The pool shall be provided with a power safety cover;
 - All doors with direct access through that wall shall be provided with an audible warning alarm; or
- Other means of protection, affording the same degree of pool barrier protection that is approved by the building official may be utilized.
- A barrier can be a chain link fence, picket fence, stone wall, or any similar type of barrier that cannot be climbed.
- When using a chain link fence as a barrier, the maximum mesh size shall be a 2 ¼ inch square unless the fence has slats fastened at the top or bottom which reduce openings to not more than 1 ¾ inches.
- Anyone installing a pool, hot tub, or spa that has electrical wiring should contact the wiring inspector for wiring methods and regulations.