

GENERAL BARRIER REQUIREMENTS

BASED ON 2000 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE–APPENDIX ‘G’

- Every pool located on a lot used for residential purposes shall be completely enclosed by a fence not less than four feet in height above grade, with suitable gates and self-closing mechanisms and self-latching devices designed to prevent access to such pool by children requiring adult supervision.
- Fencing to comply with local codes and ordinances.
- Fencing shall be installed prior to the final inspection.
- Where the wall of a dwelling serves as part of the barrier one of the following conditions shall be met:
 1. The Pool shall be equipped with an approved power safety cover.
 2. All doors with direct access to the pool shall be equipped with an approved alarm.

IN GROUND POOLS:

Fences not less than 4 feet nor more than 6 feet tall, shall be required around the periphery of the yard containing the pool or around the pool itself, but in any event, not closer than 6 feet to the water’s edge of the pool.

ABOVE GROUND POOLS:

Fences will not be required as to those pools built partially or entirely above grade and which have an overall height of at least 4 feet above grade, access to which is only by means of a folding or otherwise removable ladder so as to make unauthorized entry into the pool difficult. If the above ground pool is less than four feet in height, the in-ground regulations apply.

SPAS AND HOT TUBS:

Spas or hot tubs with safety covers that comply with ASTM F 1346-91 “Standard Performance specifications for Safety Covers and Labeling Requirements,” may be approved by the Building Officer on a “case by case” basis.