



RESIDENTIAL SWIMMING POOL FENCES

Swimming Pool Fence Requirements

24.11.12 Fences Associated With Swimming pools

24.11.12.1 Every swimming pool, or excavation designed or intended to ultimately become a swimming pool, while under construction as well as after completion, shall be continuously protected by an enclosure surrounding the pool or excavated area in such a manner as to make such pool or excavated area reasonably inaccessible to small children or animals. Exceptions are as follows:

- (1) This provision shall not apply to (a) bodies of water other than swimming pools which are owned or controlled by the federal government, state, county or any agency, subdivision or department thereof; or (b) bodies of water located in natural drainage ways.
- (2) In single family occupancies, the enclosure may surround the entire single-family premises
- (3) In multi-family occupancies, the enclosure may include the courtyard that surrounds the pool.

24.11.12.2 An enclosure shall be a fence, wall, or building not less than six feet in height with no openings, holes or gaps larger than four inches measured in any direction, except that measurement for a picket fence (one composed primarily of vertical members) shall be measured in a horizontal direction between members.

24.11.12.3 Gates and doors opening directly into such enclosure shall be equipped with self-closing and self-latching devices designed to keep and capable of keeping such doors or gates securely closed, said latching device to be attached to the gate or door not less than 36 inches above the grade or the floor. Exception: The doors of any building forming any part of the enclosure hereinabove required need not be so equipped.

24.11.12.4 Swimming pools in existence on the effective date of this section shall be fenced in accordance with the requirements hereinabove set forth, and it shall be unlawful for any person to maintain any swimming pool in the corporate limits of the city which is not protected by an enclosure in accordance with the requirements of this section.

24.11.12.5 All plans submitted to the city for swimming pools to be constructed shall show compliance with the requirements of this section, and the final inspection and approval of all pools constructed shall be withheld until all requirements of this section have been complied with by the owner, purchaser under contract, lessee, tenant or licensee.