



Department of Public Works
Inspection Division

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Pool Barrier Requirements -ISPSC Sec. 305

****Must be signed by Property Owner AND Contractor****

Fence

1. The top of the barrier shall be at least 48 inches above grade.
2. The maximum vertical clearance between grade and the bottom of the barrier shall be 2 inches.
3. Openings in the barrier shall not allow the passage of a 4 inch sphere.
4. Solid barriers which do not have openings, such as a masonry or stone wall, shall not contain indentations or protrusions, except for normal construction tolerances and tooled masonry joints.
5. Where the barrier is composed of vertical and horizontal members, and the distance between the tops of the horizontal members is less than 45 inches, the horizontal members shall be located on the swimming pool side of the fence. Spacing between vertical members shall not exceed 1 ¾ inches in width. Where there are decorative cut outs within the vertical members, spacing within the cut outs shall not exceed 1 ¾ inches in width.
6. Where the barrier is composed of vertical and horizontal members, and the distance between the tops of the horizontal members is 45 inches or more, spacing between vertical members shall not exceed 4 inches. Where there are decorative cut outs within the vertical members, spacing within the cut outs shall not exceed 1 ¾ inches in width.
7. Maximum mesh size for chain link fence shall be a 1 ¾ inch square, unless the fence has slats fastened at the top and bottom which reduce the openings to not more than 1 ¾ inches.
8. Where the barrier is composed of diagonal members, such as a lattice fence, the maximum opening forms by the diagonal members shall not be more that 1 ¾ inches.
9. The barrier shall be not less than 20 inches from the water's edge.

Gates

1. Gates shall comply with all of the requirements for the fence and shall be equipped with a locking device
2. Pedestrian access gates shall open outward away from the pool, and shall be self-closing and have a self-latching device.
3. Gates other than pedestrian access gates shall remain locked when not in use.
4. Where the release mechanism of the self-latching device is located less than 54 inches from the bottom of the gate, the release mechanism shall be located on the pool side of the gate, at least 3 inches below the top of the gate. The gate and barrier shall have no opening larger than ½ inch within 18 inches of the release mechanism.

Glazing Hazardous Location

1. If a window or any other glass panel is located less than 60 inches from the pool edge and less than 60 inches from the walking surface directly in front of it, it needs to be Tempered Glass. This applies to new and existing windows.

Door and Window Alarms

1. Where a wall of the dwelling serves as part of the barrier, doors with direct access to the pool shall be equipped with an alarm which produces an audible warning when the door is opened. The alarm shall be listed and labeled in accordance with UL 2017. The deactivation switch shall be located at least 54 inches above the threshold of the door.
2. Operable windows that provide direct access to the pool area, with a sill height of less than 48 inches above the indoor finished floor, shall be equipped with an alarm which produces an audible warning when the window or their screens are opened. The alarm shall be listed and labeled in accordance with UL 2017. The deactivation switch shall be located at least 54 inches above the threshold of the window. (If the window latch is 54 inches or above the finished floor, no alarm is necessary. If a window opening control device can be placed 54 inches or above the finished floor and prevents the window from opening more than 4 inches, no alarm is required.)
3. Household security alarms do not meet this code requirement.

****Door alarm not required if the pool is equipped with a powered safety cover in compliance with ASTM F 1346

Above Ground Pools

1. Where an above ground pool structure is used as a barrier, or where the barrier is mounted on top of the pool, and means of access is a ladder or step, the ladder or steps shall be capable of being locked or removed to prevent access.
2. The ladder or steps shall be surrounded by a barrier which meets all other barrier requirements.
3. When the ladder or steps are secured, locked or removed, any opening created shall not allow the passage of a 4 inch sphere.

Prohibited Location

1. Barriers shall be located to prohibit permanent structures, equipment or similar objects from being used to climb them.
2. Where permanent structures exist, the barrier needs to be not less than 36 inches from the permanent structure.

I agree to comply with all requirements of the International Swimming Pool & Spa Code including the barrier requirements listed above. I understand that Final Inspection will not be approved and occupancy of the swimming pool will not be granted until all code requirements are met. I understand that a separate fence permit may be required in order to meet these requirements.

Contractor: _____ **Date:** _____

Property Owner: _____ **Date:** _____