



Swimming Pools (above and below ground)

A water-filled enclosure, permanently constructed or portable, has a depth of more than eighteen (18) inches below the level of the surrounding land, or an above, surface pool having a depth of more than twenty-four (24) inches designed, used and maintained for swimming and bathing.

Swimming pool permits are required for construction, installation, alteration, addition or remodeling of a pool.

1. In-Ground swimming pools, or similar structures, containing water more than 24 inches in depth shall be completely surrounded by a non-climbable fence or barrier at least 6 feet in height located at least four feet from the water's edge.
2. Above Ground pools, or similar structures, containing water more than 24 inches in depth shall be surrounded by a non-climbable fence or barrier at least 6 feet in height located at least four feet from the water's edge.
3. Access gates shall be equipped to accommodate a locking device. The gates shall open outwards away from the pool and shall be self-closing and have a self-latching device.
4. The release mechanism of the self-latching device shall be located at least 54 inches above grade or located on the pool side of the fence
5. Where a wall of the dwelling unit serves as part of the barrier one of the following shall apply:
 - a. Doors with direct access to the pool shall be equipped with an alarm which produces an audible warning that activates within 7 seconds for a period of 30 seconds when the door and its screen are opened (google search "**UL 2017 alarms**," approx. \$20).
 - b. Pool shall be equipped with a powered safety cover.
6. In lieu of the alarm, all doors which provide access to the pool area shall be equipped with self-closing and self-latching features. The self-latching mechanism shall be located at least 54 inches above the ground/floor.
7. Pool shall be enclosed in a **6ft none climbable fence** or barrier. Openings in the fence/barrier shall not allow the passage of a 4-inch-diameter (102 mm) sphere.
8. All 15-20amp electrical outlets within 20ft of a pool (6ft for storable pools) are to be **GFCI protected**.
9. All lighting and switches within **10ft are to be GFCI protected**.

(For more information refer to the 2015 International Residential Code and 2015 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code)

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