

HOMEOWNER'S POOL CERTIFICATION

BARRIER REQUIREMENTS:

Outdoor private swimming pool: An outdoor private swimming pool includes an in-ground, above-ground or on-ground pool, hot tub or spa, and shall comply with the following:

1. The top of the barrier shall be at least 48 inches above finished ground level measured on the side of the barrier which faces away from the swimming pool. The maximum vertical clearance between finished ground level and the barrier shall be 2 inches measured on the side of the barrier which faces away from the swimming pool. Where the top of the pool structure is above finished ground level, such as an above-ground pool, the barrier shall be at finished ground level, such as the pool structure, or shall be mounted on top of the pool structure. Where the barrier is mounted on the pool structure, the opening between the top surface of the pool frame and the bottom of the barrier shall not allow passage of a 4 inch diameter sphere.
2. Openings in the barrier shall not allow passage of a 4 inch diameter sphere.
3. Solid barriers shall not contain indentations or protrusions except for normal construction tolerances and tooled masonry joints.
4. Where the barrier is composed of horizontal and vertical 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. Decorative cutouts shall not exceed 1 ¾ inches in width.
5. The maximum opening formed by a chain link fence shall be no more than 1¾ inches. However, larger opening may be used when slats fastened at top and bottom which reduce the openings to no more than 1¾ inches.
6. There shall be a clear zone of not less than 36" between the exterior of the barrier and any permanent structures or equipment such as pumps, filters, and heaters that can be used to climb the barrier.
7. Access gates shall comply with the requirements of items 1 through 6, and shall be equipped to accommodate a locking device. Pedestrian access gates shall open outwards away from the pool and shall be self-closing and have a self-latching device. Gates other than pedestrian access gates shall have a self-latching device. Where the release mechanism of the self-latching device is located less than 54 inches from the bottom of the gate: (a) the release mechanism shall be located on the pool side of the gate at least 3 inches below the top of the gate and; (b) the gate and barrier shall not have an opening greater than ½ inch within 18 inches of the release mechanism.
8. Where the pool or spa area abuts the edge of a body of water the required barriers shall extend to and beyond the water's edge not less than 18". A barrier is not required between the body of water and the pool or spa.

BLOCK: _____ LOT: _____ ADDRESS: _____

In accordance with the NJAC 5:23-2.23, NO POOL SHALL BE USED IN WHOLE OR IN PART UNTIL A CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL HAS BEEN ISSUED BY THE CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL.

I certify that I am the owner of the above referenced pool being built. I further certify that the pool will not be used in whole or in part until a permanent fence is installed and a Certificate of Approval has been issued by the Construction Official.

I have read the fence requirements listed above and understand them.

Owner's Signature

Print Name

Sworn and subscribed to before me on this _____ day of _____ 20____

Notary Signature

Barrier Exceptions: Spas or hot tubs with a lockable safety cover which complies with ASTM F 1346, as listed in 2015 ISPSC Section 305, shall be exempt from the provisions of this appendix.