



# Residential Swimming Pool, Spa and Hot Tub Safety Act Notice of Requirements

I (We) acknowledge that a new swimming pool, spa or hot tub will be constructed or installed at \_\_\_\_\_ (Address), and hereby affirm that one of the following methods will be used to meet the requirements of Chapter 515, Florida Statutes and Section 5-148 of the City Ordinance.

**Please initial the method(s) to be used for your pool:**

\_\_\_\_\_ The pool will be isolated from access to the home by an enclosure that meets the pool barrier requirements of Florida Statutes 515.29;

\_\_\_\_\_ The pool will be equipped with an approved safety pool cover that complies with ASTM F1346-91 (Standard Performance Specifications for Safety Covers for Swimming Pools, Spas and Hot Tubs);

\_\_\_\_\_ All doors and windows providing direct access from the home to the pool shall be equipped with an exit alarm complying with UL 2017 that has a minimum sound pressure rating of 85 dB A at 10 feet. The exit alarm shall produce a continuous audible warning when the door and its screen are opened. The alarm shall sound immediately after the door is opened and be capable of being heard throughout the house during normal household activities. The alarm shall be equipped with a manual means to temporarily deactivate the alarm for a single opening. Such deactivation shall last no more than 15 seconds. The deactivation switch shall be located at least 54 inches above the threshold of the door.

\_\_\_\_\_ All doors providing direct access from the home to the pool will be equipped with self-closing, self-latching devices with release mechanisms placed no lower than 54" above the floor or deck.

\_\_\_\_\_ A swimming pool alarm that, when placed in a pool, sounds an alarm upon detection of an accidental or unauthorized entrance into the water. Such pool alarm must meet and be independently certified to ASTM Standard F2208, titled "Standard Safety Specification for Residential Pool Alarms," which includes surface motion, pressure, sonar, laser, and infrared alarms. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "swimming pool alarm" does not include any swimming protection alarm device designed for individual use, such as an alarm attached to a child that sounds when the child exceeds a certain distance or becomes submerged in water.

\_\_\_\_\_ The barrier of the pool will be separated from any fence, wall, or other enclosure surrounding the yard unless the fence, wall, or other enclosure or portion thereof is situated on the perimeter of the pool, is being used as part of the barrier, and meets the barrier requirements of this section. Florida Statutes 515.29 (c)

I understand that not having one of the above installed at the time of final inspection, or when the pool is completed for contract purposes, will constitute a violation of Chapter 515, F.S. and will be considered as committing a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable by fines up to \$500 and/or up to 60 days in jail as established in Chapter 775, F.S.

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An effective pool barrier prevents a child from going **OVER**, **UNDER**, or **THROUGH** the barrier and keeps children from accessing the pool when supervising adults are not present.

**Pool covers** add another layer of protection. There are a wide variety of pool cover styles on the market. Make sure that the pool cover is well maintained, and keep the control device for the pool cover out of the reach of children.

### How to Prevent a Child from Going OVER a Pool Barrier

A young child can climb over a pool barrier if the barrier is too low or if the barrier has handholds or footholds that children can use to climb.

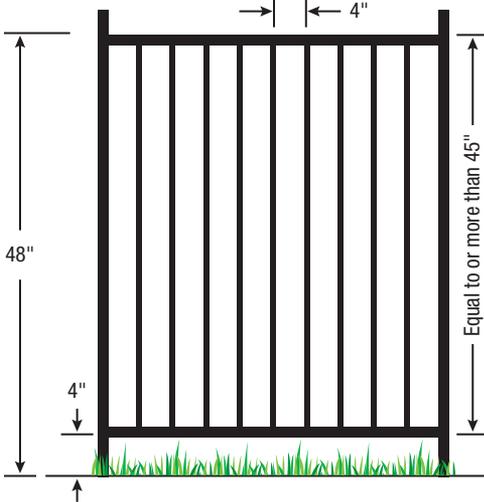


Figure 1  
Minimize the size of openings when constructing a barrier.

The top of a pool barrier should be at least 48 inches above grade, measured on the exterior side of the fence or barrier. Some states, counties, or municipalities require pool barriers to be 60 inches above grade.

Eliminate handholds and footholds on barriers and

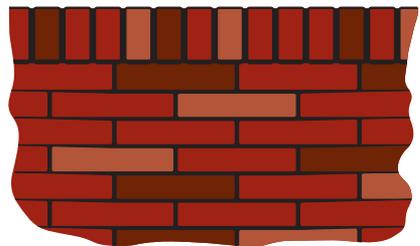


Figure 2

Make sure that there are no indentations or protrusions on the barrier that may allow a child to climb over the barrier.

### For a Barrier with Horizontal and Vertical Members

If the distance between the top side of the horizontal members of the barrier or fence is less than 45 inches high, then the horizontal members should be located on the interior side of the fence.

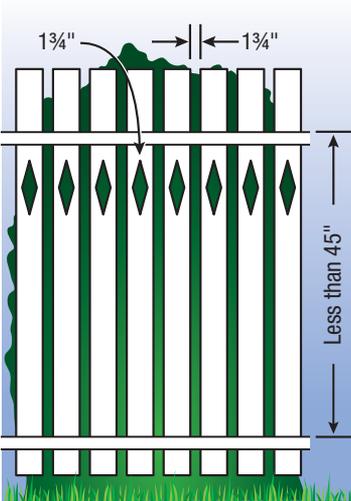


Figure 3  
attempt to climb the barrier.

The spacing between vertical members and within decorative cutouts should not exceed  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inches. This size is based on the foot width of a young child and is intended to reduce the potential for a child to gain a foothold and

If the distance between the tops of the horizontal members is more than 45 inches high, the horizontal members can be located on the exterior side of the fence. The spacing between vertical members should not exceed 4 inches. This size is based on the head breadth and chest depth of a young child and is

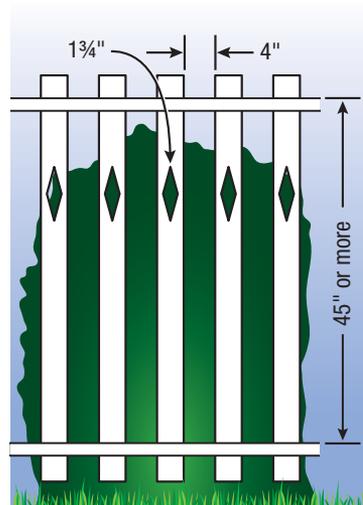


Figure 4

intended to prevent a child from passing through or getting stuck in an opening.

### For a Chain-Link Fence

The openings in the mesh of a chain-link fence should not exceed

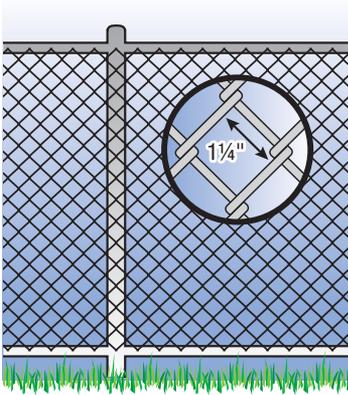


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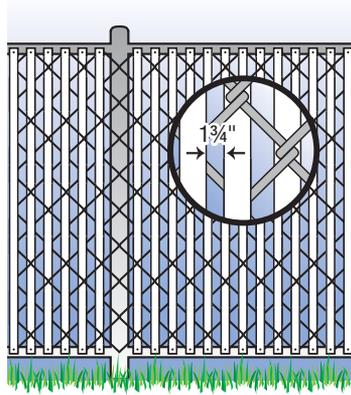


Figure 6

1 1/4 inches square unless slats, fastened at the top or bottom of the fence, are used to reduce the mesh openings to no more than 1 3/4 inches.

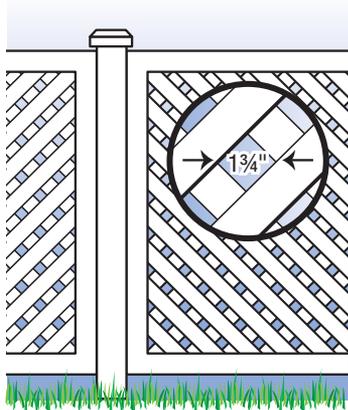


Figure 7

### For a Fence with Diagonal Members or Laticework

The maximum opening in the laticework should not exceed 1 3/4 inches.