



SWIMMING POOL, SPA, AND HOT TUB BARRIERS

(GENERAL REQUIREMENTS)

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The following is an overview of Article 2.5 of **The Swimming Pool Safety Act**. This information is taken from Sections 115920-115927 of the Health and Safety Code and will be enforced whenever a construction permit is issued for a new pool, spa, etc. at a private, single-family home. The single-family home shall be equipped with at least one of the following safety features:

1. The pool shall be isolated from access to a residence by an enclosure that meets the requirements of the "Enclosure Design" listed below.
2. The pool shall be equipped with an approved safety cover. The cover shall meet all of the performance standards of the American Society for Testing and Materials, (ASTM) Standard F1346-91.
3. The residence and attached garage shall be equipped with exit alarms on those doors providing direct access to the pool. "Exit alarms" means devices that make audible alarm sounds at any door, including screen door if present, that permits access from the residence to a pool area. Exit alarms may be battery operated or may be connected to the electrical wiring of the building.
4. All doors providing direct access from the residence or attached garage to the swimming pool shall be equipped with a self-closing, self-latching device with a release mechanism placed no lower than 54 inches above the floor. The remainder of the yard must be enclosed to comply with the requirements of the "Enclosure Design" listed below.
5. Other means of protection, if the degree of protection afforded is equal to or greater than that afforded by any of the devices set forth in numbers 1-4 above, as determined by the building official of the jurisdiction issuing the applicable building permit.

Any person entering into an agreement to build a swimming pool shall give the consumer notice of all the requirements contained in Article 2.5 of the Health and Safety Code known as **The Swimming Pool Safety Act**.

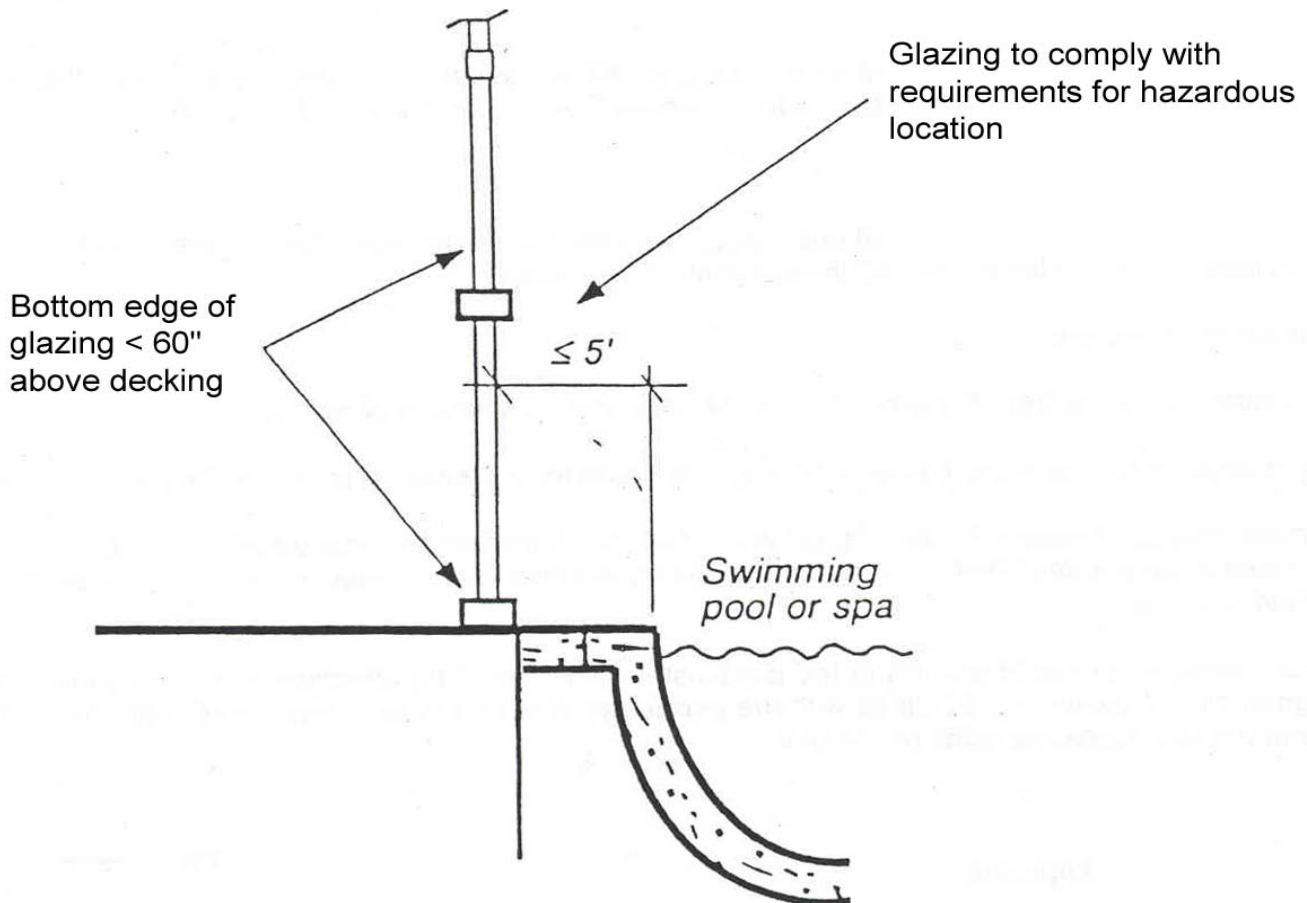
ENCLOSURE DESIGN

- Any access gates through the enclosure shall open away from the swimming pool. These gates shall be self-closing with self-latching devices placed no lower than 60 inches above the ground. In many cases, RV gates do not meet these requirements.
- A minimum height of 60 inches.
- A maximum vertical clearance from the ground to the bottom of the enclosure of two inches.
- Gaps or voids, if any, do not allow the passage of a sphere equal to or greater than four inches in diameter.
- An outside surface free of protrusions, cavities, or other physical characteristics that would serve as handholds or footholds that could enable a child below the age of five years to climb over. Chain link fences shall be provided with slats suitably held in place.

All requirements shall be completed prior to sign-off of the preplaster inspection. The attached residential swimming pool declaration shall be signed by the owner and provided with the permit application. I certify that I have read these requirements and agree to comply with the applicable sections of this law.

GLAZING IN HAZARDOUS LOCATIONS

- Hazardous location provisions of Section 2406 now apply to glazing in walls and fences enclosing swimming pools and spas.
- All following conditions must apply:
 - Bottom edge of glazing is less than 60 inches above the pool/spa decking.
 - Glazing at or within 5 feet of swimming pool or spa intended for pedestrian traffic.
- Provision applies to lights of any size.



**RESIDENTIAL
SWIMMING POOLS, SPAS, AND HOT TUBS BARRIER
DECLARATION**

This is to certify that I am owner of the subject property located at

and I have read the Swimming Pool Barrier Requirements attached to this document.

I agree to install and maintain door alarms on all doors that open directly into the pool area from the residence or attached garage. These alarms shall be installed and operational prior to the preplaster inspection.

Owner