



CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH

Building and Planning Department

NOTICE TO RESIDENTIAL SWIMMING POOL OWNERS

Prior to project completion and use of the newly constructed pool, the contractor must obtain an approved final inspection. Reference FBC Section 454.2.17 for inspections of above ground pools, screen enclosed pools, removable child barrier pool enclosure and pools located adjacent to waterways. The final inspection will verify the pool is equipped with a safety cover complying with the specifications of ASTM F-1346, or:

- The pool must be isolated from access to a home by an enclosure at least four feet (4') high installed along its perimeter.
- The barrier shall not have any gaps or openings that can allow a child to crawl under, squeeze through or climb over the barrier, and must be placed no less than 20 inches from the water's edge. Gates located in the pool barrier must open outwards away from the pool and shall be equipped with a self-closing and self-latching locking device located on the pool side of the gate, and no less than 54 inches from the bottom of the gate. The barrier must be separated from any fence, wall or other enclosure surrounding the yard unless the fence, wall or other enclosure, or portion thereof, is situated along the perimeter of the pool and meets the pool barrier requirements.
- Where a wall of a dwelling serves as part of the barrier, one of the following shall apply:
 1. All doors and windows providing direct access from the home to the pool shall be equipped with an exit alarm complying with UL2017 that has a minimum sound pressure rating of 85dBA at 10'. 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. Separate alarms are not required for each door or window if sensors wired to a central alarm sound when contact is broken at any opening, or:
 2. All doors providing direct access from the home to the pool must be equipped with a self-closing, self-latching device installed at least 54 inches above the threshold of the door.
 3. 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.

Florida Building Code (Residential) 8th Edition Section R4501.17

Florida Statutes Chapter 515 Residential Swimming Pool Safety Act