



ATTENTION

Swimming Pool Contractors, General/ Building/ Residential Contractors & Property Owners Involved with Residential Swimming Pool Construction

The 2000 Florida Legislature adopted a bill that creates residential swimming pool safety installation requirements.

Effective October 1, 2000 all new residential pools must have AT LEAST ONE of the following FOUR safety features in order to pass final inspection and receive a certificate of completion:

1. Isolation from the home by an enclosure (barrier) meeting the following requirements:
 - at least 4' high on the outside
 - not passable or climb-able by small children
 - around the pool perimeter, separate from other fences/walls around the yard unless they are situated on the perimeter of the pool, being used as part of the enclosure and meeting the same requirements as the enclosure
 - placed sufficiently distant from the water's edge to prevent a child or elderly person from falling into the water immediately if they do get past the enclosure
 - not situated close to any permanent structure or equipment that could be used to climb over the enclosure.
2. An approved pool safety cover.
3. All doors and windows providing direct access to the pool shall be equipped with appropriate exit alarms. Evidence of approval of a nationally recognized testing agency (such as UL2017) certifying the device to meet or exceed the minimum performance standards established by law must be on site for final inspection. The inspector must have access to the home in order to final a pool protected by an alarm system.
4. All doors (does not include windows) providing direct access from the home to the pool have self-closing, self-latching devices with the release mechanism mounted at least 54" high.

NOTE: The building wall may be used as part of the enclosure if it doesn't have unprotected windows or doors opening onto the pool.

For above ground pools, the walls of the pool may be used as the enclosure/barrier, but any ladders or steps must be securable or removable or protected by a barrier.

A barrier is defined as "a fence, dwelling wall, or non-dwelling wall, or any combination thereof, which completely surrounds the swimming pool and obstructs access to the swimming pool, especially access from the residence or from the yard outside the barrier."

All gates providing access to a residential pool must open outward, be self-closing, latching, and locking with the release mechanism mounted on the inside, out of the reach of small children over or through it.

Citrus County will require all applicants to submit documentation to assure compliance with this rule effective October 1, 2000. Residential swimming pools permitted prior to October 1, 2000 but not completed as of that date are encouraged to comply as well. The Department will not withhold issuance of the Certificate of Completion for pools permitted prior to October 1, 2000 which are not in compliance with this rule **UNLESS** a directive from an agency/court of competent jurisdiction formally rules that "in-progress" pool construction must also comply with the law. Should such a ruling occur, you will be notified.

**THE ENCLOSED "NOTICE OF REQUIREMENTS" IS TO BE SIGNED AND SUBMITTED AT PERMIT APPLICATION
AND MUST BE POSTED ON THE JOB SITE
IT WILL BECOME PART OF THE PERMIT FILE AND DOCUMENT PROPER NOTICE TO THE OWNER.
THIS FORM MAY BE REPRODUCED AS NECESSARY.**