

Pool Enclosure Requirements

Town By-law No. 91-42

The owner of a privately owned outdoor swimming pool shall erect and *maintain* an enclosure surrounding the entire swimming pool area and sufficient to make such body of water not readily accessible to small children, conforming to By-law No. 91-42.

Height: Minimum Requirements

Every swimming pool enclosure shall extend from the ground to a height of not less than a minimum of:

- 1.2 metres (48 inches) above finished grade; and
- 1.5 metres (60 inches) from any other raised deck outside the enclosure

Height: Measurement from Ground Level

The height of the swimming pool enclosure shall be measured from ground level on the outside of the enclosure.

Height: Raised Areas

- Raised areas of the ground or raised sundeck or other structure shall not be located within 1.5 metres (5'-0") of the enclosure, whether located on the owner's property or on the adjoining property ; or
- Where such raised areas are within 1.5 metres (5'-0") the enclosure shall be extended laterally or at a departing angle a distance of not less than 1.0 metres beyond the limits of the raised area.

Swimming Pool Enclosure: Location. The enclosure shall be located not less than 1.5 metres from the swimming pool to which it applies.

Ground clearance. The maximum clearance from the ground to the bottom edge of the swimming pool enclosure shall not be more than 50mm (2 inches).

Prevent Climbing. The enclosure shall have no attachments on the exterior face thereof such as horizontal or diagonal bracing, horizontal rails or other attachments which would facilitate climbing.

Swimming Pool Enclosure: Types

1. Chain Link Construction

- Chain link is to be a maximum of 38 mm (1 ½") diamond pattern
- Not less than 11 gauge or 13 gauge steel wire covered with vinyl or other approved coating
- Supported by 38 mm (1 ½") diameter galvanized steel line posts at a maximum 2.4 m (8'-0")
- A minimum 50 mm (2") diameter posts at corners and ends
- A minimum of 750 mm (30") into the ground and be set in concrete
- Top and bottom rails shall 30 mm (1 ¼") diameter galvanized steel

2. Vertically Boarded Wood Construction

- Minimum 25 mm x 150 mm (1" x 6") vertical boards a
- Vertical boards attached to horizontal members of 50mm (2") thickness spaced not more than 40mm (1-3/4") apart
- Supported by a minimum 100 mm x 100mm (4" x 4") posts at maximum 2.4 m (8') on centre
- Posts shall be securely embedded to a minimum 750mm (30") below grade
- Minimum 38 mm x 89 mm (2" x 4") top and bottom rails shall be provide

Note: other construction may be permitted provided an equivalent degree of safety is established and maintained as approved by the Building Inspector.

Gates:

- Construction and height of the gate equivalent to the height of the enclosure

- Be supported on substantial hinges
- Shall be self-closing and equipped with a self-latching device mounted near the top and inside of the gate
- Shall be equipped with a locking device and kept locked at all times except where a responsible person is present and supervising the swimming pool.

A temporary enclosure (fencing) is required during all phases of construction to prevent unauthorized access.