

What is considered a pool?

All fishponds, spas and other contained bodies of water, either above or below ground level, being greater than 18 inches in depth and/or wider than 8 feet at any two measured points, shall require a barrier. Except fountains less than 12" deep.

Pool Location

Pools must not be located within the required front yard of the property.

Pools must be set back at least 3 feet from all property lines.

Permits

Permits for outdoor swimming pool barriers must be ISSUED prior to installing the barrier, plastering the pool and/or filling the pool with water.



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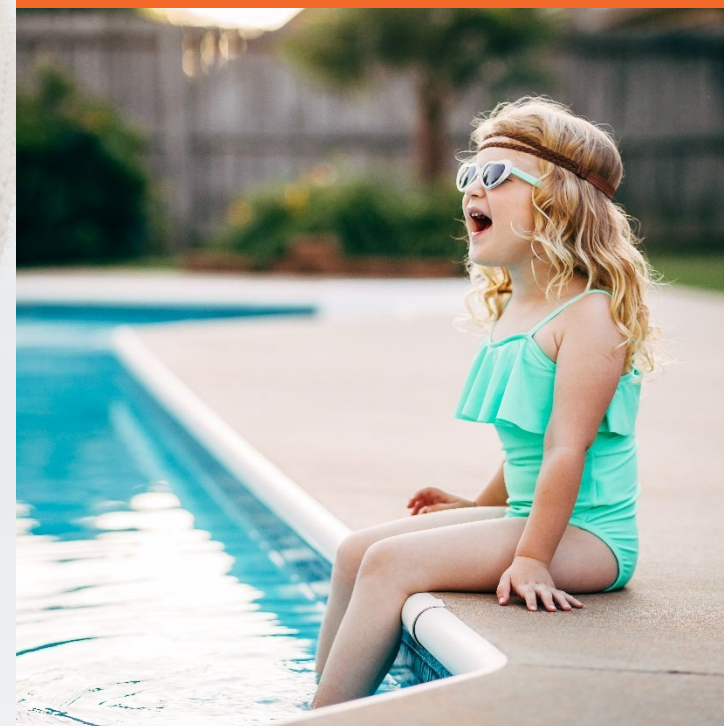
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Residential Pool and Barrier requirements

A summary of requirements for
your pool and barrier as per the
adopted Local Additions and
Addenda.



Alarms

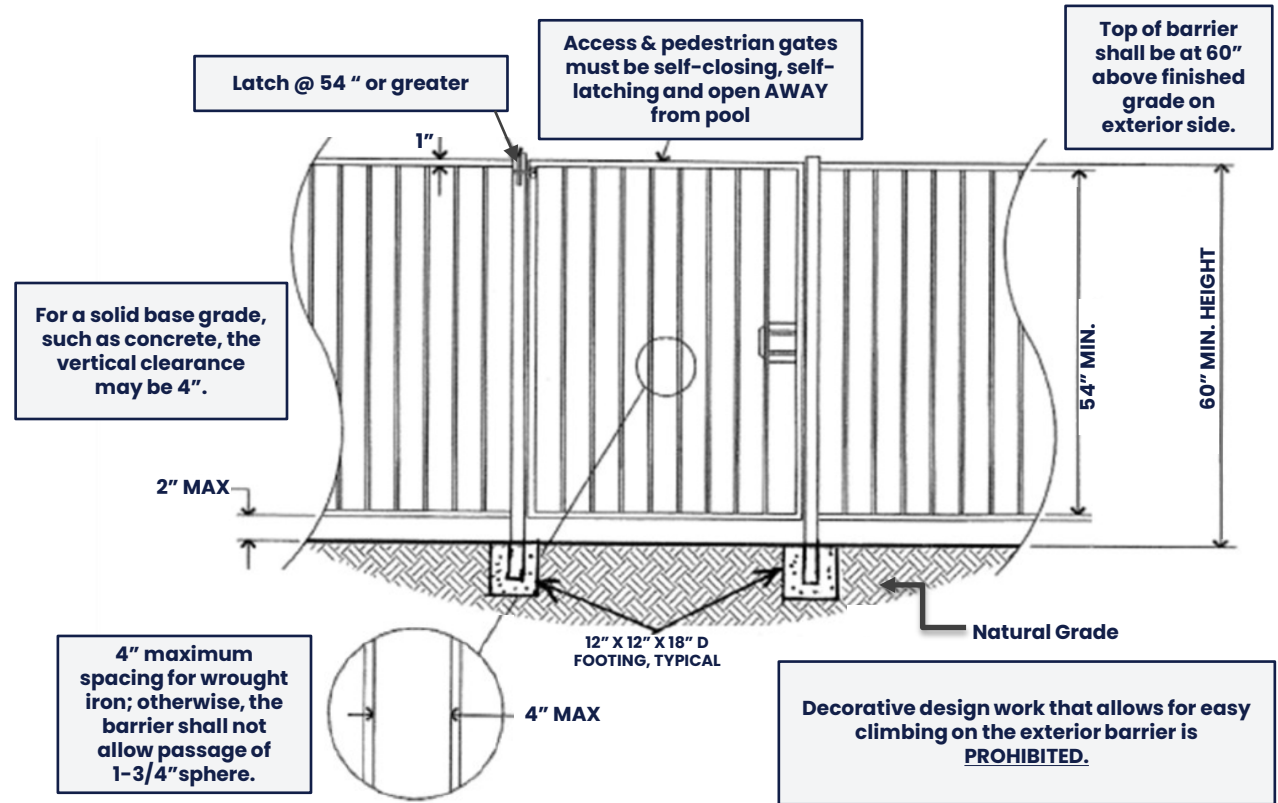
If the house, garage or a wall of a structure comprises part of the pool barrier and the subject wall contains a door providing direct access to the pool area, a separate barrier shall be installed between the door and the pool.

Note: The building official may approve the substitution of a separate pool barrier gate for those access doors with an alarm that sounds continuously for a minimum of 30 seconds at a level not less than 85 decibels within 7 seconds of the door and its screen, if present, being opened.

The alarm shall automatically reset under all conditions. The alarm system shall be equipped with a manual means such as a touchpad or bypass, to temporarily deactivate the alarm for a single opening. Such de-activation shall last no longer than 15 seconds.

The deactivation touchpad or bypass shall be located at least 54" above the threshold of the door. The alarm shall not be equipped with an ON/OFF switch.

Wrought Iron Pool Fence



IMPORTANT ITEMS TO THOSE LISTED ABOVE:

Chain link or other type of fencing must not allow the passage of a 1 3/4" sphere. Chain link must be at eleven gauge or greater.

Any self-latching mechanism less than 54" must be on the pool side of the gate and at least 3" below the top of the gate.

Owner must ensure entire barrier is maintained and that no section may be altered or removed except to reconstruct, repair or replace the barrier.

WINDOWS WITH ACCESS:

A window facing a pool enclosure shall be equipped with a mesh screen and a lock and key that restrict opening the window to no more than 4" or a latching device 54" above the floor.

Emergency escape or rescue windows must be equipped with a latching device of at least 54" from the floor.

For more information, please refer to the [2018 IBC Local Additions and Addenda Section 3109](#)

