



Town of Ross
Planning and Building Department
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SWIMMING POOL BARRIER REQUIREMENTS

The requirements listed below are for permits issued after January 1, 2020 for new swimming pools, pool repairs, or pool alterations located at a single-family home.

An enclosure that meets the requirements of section 115923 and isolates the swimming pool or spa from the private single-family home and;

At least two of the following six drowning prevention safety feature:

1. Removable mesh fencing that meets ASTM specifications F2286 standards in conjunction with a gate that is self-closing and self-latching and can accommodate a key lockable device.
2. An approved safety pool cover, as defined in subdivision (d) of section 115921.
3. Exit alarms on the private single-family home's doors that provide direct access to the swimming pool or spa. The exit alarm may cause either an alarm noise or a verbal warning, such as a repeating notification that "the door to the pool is open."
4. A self-closing, self-latching device with a release mechanism placed no lower than 54 inches above the floor on the private single-family home's doors providing direct access to the swimming pool or spa.
5. An alarm that, when placed in a swimming pool or spa, will sound upon detection of accidental or unauthorized entrance into the water. The alarm shall meet and be independently certified to the ASTM standard F2208 "standard safety specification of residential pool alarms," which includes surface motion, pressure, sonar, laser, and infrared type alarms.
6. Other means of protection, if the degree of protection afforded is equal to or greater than that afforded by any of the features set forth above and has been independently verified by and approved testing laboratory as meeting standards for those features established by the ASTM or the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)

Before the issuance of a final approval for the completion of permitted construction or remodeling work, the local building code official shall inspect the drowning safety prevention features required by this section and, if no violations are found, shall give final approval.

"Swimming pool" or "pool" means any structure intended for swimming or recreational bathing that contains water over 18 inches deep.