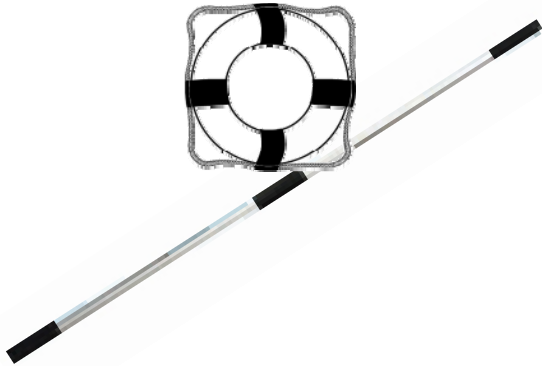




Life -Saving Devices:

At least one ring buoy with line attached that is the width of the pool and one pole longer than half the width of the pool shall be readily accessible and in plain view whenever there is water in the pool.



Electrical Installation Requirements

- All electrical connections must be grounded and protected by a GFI (ground fault circuit interrupter).
- No overhead electrical wires crossing the pool area.
- No pool lighting will cause direct glare beyond the lot line.

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What you need to know about Swimming Pools



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What is a Swimming Pool?

A “swimming pool” is any constructed or prefabricated pool used for swimming or bathing, private or public, located above or below ground, twenty-four (24) inches in depth or greater, or with a surface area exceeding two hundred fifty (250) square feet.



Where May a Swimming Pool Be Located?

A private swimming pool must follow the guidelines for the setbacks of accessory structures for side and rear yards. It may not be located in a front yard, over a septic tank or leach field.

Pool Safety

The following requirements are applicable to all new and existing swimming pools. Any person with a pool on his/her property must provide and maintain the equipment, fence or wall and facilities required.

Enclosure

Every outdoor swimming pool must be completely surrounded by a fence or wall that is at least 4 feet (48 inches) in height, with no holes or gaps larger than four inches (4”) in any dimension, except for doors or gates. A house or accessory building may be used as part of the enclosure.

The *exception* is a *free standing*, above ground pool with essentially smooth, vertical exterior walls at least four feet (4’) in height measured on the outside surface.



Gates and Doors

All gates and doors in the enclosure must be **self-closing** and **self-latching**, except for the door of any dwelling that forms a part of the enclosure. The latches must be at least 4’ (48”) above the ground.