



BUILDING DIVISION

PERMIT NO. _____ CONTRACTOR: _____

JOB ADDRESS: _____ LOT: _____ BLK: _____

Residential Swimming Pool, Spa And Hot Tub Safety Act

Notice of Requirements

I (We) acknowledge that a new swimming pool, spa or hot tub will be constructed or installed at the above address, and hereby affirm that one of the following methods will be used to meet the requirements of Chapter 515, Florida Statutes.

(Please initial the method(s) to be used for your pool)

_____ The pool will be isolated from access to the home by an enclosure that meets the pool barrier requirements of Florida Statute 515.29;

_____ The pool will be equipped with an approved safety pool cover that complies with ASTM F1346-91 (Standard Performance Specifications for Safety covers for Swimming Pools, Spas and Hot Tubs);

_____ All doors and windows providing direct access from the home to the pool will be equipped with an exit alarm that has a minimum sound pressure rating of 85 decibels at 10 feet;

_____ All doors providing direct access from the home to the pool will be equipped with self-closing, self-latching devices with release mechanisms placed no lower than 54" above the floor or deck;

I understand that not having one of the above installed at the time of final inspection, or when the pool is completed for contract purposes, will constitute a violation of Chapter 515, F.S. and will be considered as committing a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable by fines up to \$500 and/or up to 60 days in jail, as established in Chapter 775, F.S.

Pool Contractor's Signature & Date

Owner's Signature & Date

Pool Contractor's Name (Please Print)

Owner's Name (Please Print)

Notary Signature & Date My Commission Expires:

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ATTENTION

ALL RESIDENTIAL POOL CONTRACTORS AND HOMEOWNERS WITH POOLS, SPAS OR HOT TUBS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Effective October 1, 2000, a new Florida State Law, "Residential Swimming Pool Safety Act", will be enforced. **If your new pool, spa, or hot tub is not finalized and you have not received a Certificate of Completion by October 1, 2000, this new law will effect you.** The new law will require that all new residential pools, spas and hot tubs be equipped with at least one pool safety feature as specified in F.S. 515. A summary of which is, in addition to the present fence/screen enclosure requirements, all new pool, spa or hot tubs shall have at least one of the following safety features:

1. "An approved safety pool cover" means a manually or power-operated safety pool cover that meets all of the performance standards of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) in compliance with Standard F 1346-91.

2. "Barrier" means 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 yard outside the barrier.

A residential swimming pool barrier must have all of the following characteristics:

- (a) The barrier must be at least four (4) feet high on the outside.
- (b) The barrier may not have any gaps, openings, indentations, protrusions, or structural components that could allow a young child to crawl under, squeeze through or climb over the barrier.

3. "Exit Alarm" means a device that makes audible, continuous alarm sounds when any door or window which permits access from the residence to any pool area, that is without an intervening enclosure, is opened or left ajar.

Any person who fails to equip a new residential pool, spa or hot tub with a least one safety feature as required by this new Florida Statute will be considered as committing a misdemeanor of the second degree.

The above information is only a brief overview. For complete details contact:

National Spa and Pool Institute
211 Eisenhower Avenue
Alexandria, VA 22314

OR

Internet: <http://www.leg.state.fl.us/session/2000/Senate/bills/Billtest/html/billtest/sb0086er.html>

POOLS

Seq. No.	Text
1.00	All doors and windows leading to a pool, shall have pool
2.00	alarms. alarm shall be rated at 85 DB at 10 feet and shall
3.00	be hard wired or plug in type. It shall have a manual means
4.00	to temporarily deactivate the alarm for no more than 15
5.00	seconds. The deactivation switch shall be located at least
6.00	54" above the floor. Exceptions: A. Screened or protected
7.00	windows having a bottom sill height of 48" from the interior
8.00	finished floor; B. Second floor windows; C. Screened or
9.00	protected pass-through kitchen windows 42" or higher with a
10.00	counter beneath. Florida Building Code 424.2.17.1.9.

Florida Building Code

Public Pools

424.1.4.2.1: Outdoor pool lighting requires a minimum of 3-foot candles at water surface. Underwater lighting requirement is minimum of ½ watt per sq. ft. of pool water surface.

424.1.4.2: Indoor pool lighting: Overhead lighting requires a minimum of 10-foot candles at surface. Underwater lighting requirement is a minimum of 8/10 watt per sq. ft.

424.1.4.2.3: Underwater lighting: Maximum of 15 volts and lamp size is a maximum of 300 watts. The fixture shall be installed not less than 18" below water level. Underwater lighting is not required when overhead is at least 15-foot candles at surface. Fiberoptic system is O.K. if equal to sections 424.1.4.2.1 and 424.1.4.2.2.

424.1.5.7: Equipment rooms need a minimum of 30-foot candles at floor level.

424.1.6.5.16.2: Hypohalogenation and Electrolytic chlorine generators shall be provided with electrical interlock with the recirculating pump.

424.1.7.8: Wading pools shall have overhead lighting if used at night.

424.1.9.8.4: Interactive water features need 6-foot candles of light. Any lighting exposed to features pool water shall not exceed 15 volts.