

EAST ROCKHILL TOWNSHIP SWIMMING POOL REQUIREMENTS

1. The enclosure of ALL swimming pools shall be maintained as a barrier to withstand a horizontal concentrated load of 200 pounds applied on a one square foot area at any point and shall extend from grade line to a point not less than 48 inches (48") above grade line measured on the side of the enclosure which faces away from the swimming pool. The maximum vertical clearance between grade and the bottom of the barrier shall be maintained less than 4 inches (4") measured on the side of the enclosure which faces away from the swimming pool. The pool enclosure shall be maintained to eliminate free access to the pool area INCLUDING the single family dwelling structure.
2. The pool enclosure shall be maintained as to not allow passage of a four inch (4") diameter sphere at any point AND shall be further restricted by items #3 through #7 as itemized below (as applicable).
3. The pool enclosure shall be maintained without indentations or protrusions on the side of the barrier which faces away from the swimming pool.
4. The pool enclosure, if consisting of horizontal and vertical members, shall also be maintained with less than 1 3/4 inches (1 3/4") between vertical members and the vertical members shall be located on the side of the barrier away from the swimming pool.
5. The pool enclosure, if consisting of a chain link fence, shall also be maintained with not more than 1 1/4 inch (1 1/4") square mesh openings.
6. The pool enclosure, if consisting of diagonal members (i.e. lattice fence), shall also be maintained with a maximum opening of not more than 1 3/4 inches (1 3/4") between diagonal members.
7. The pool enclosure, if part of an above-ground pool, may maintain the barrier by use of the pool structure itself provided the pool structure extends not less than 48 inches (48") above grade line measured on the exterior side of the pool structure. If the pool structure extends to a point less than 48 inches (48") above the grade line measured on the exterior side of the pool structure and the barrier is mounted on top the pool structure, the pool enclosure shall be maintained from the top of the pool structure to a point not less than 48 inches (48") above the pool structure and the maximum vertical clearance between the pool structure and the bottom of the barrier shall be 4 inches (4"). If the pool enclosure is a combination of the pool structure and an extension mounted on top of the pool structure, then the barrier shall be maintained in compliance with #1 through #6 itemized above (as applicable) AND the extension mounted to the pool structure shall be affixed directly with no vertical pass through clearance between the extension and the pool structure.
8. Access gates shall comply with #1 through #7 itemized above (as applicable) and shall be self-closing and have a self-latching device. Gate latches shall be maintained in working order at all times and shall be located at a point not less than 48 inches (48") above the grade line measured on the side of the gate away from the pool. Gate closing devices shall be maintained in working order at all times.
9. The pool enclosure and access gates shall be inspected at intervals not to exceed seven (7) days to ensure that the integrity of the pool barrier be maintained.
10. The access ladder or steps, of an aboveground pool, shall be FOLDED AND LOCKED to prevent unsupervised access to the pool.
11. The vacuum break (anti-siphon) device shall be maintained in working order at the water supply faucet used to discharge water into the pool.
12. The drainage of the pool shall be so conducted to eliminate water discharge on to neighboring properties, water supply, sewage facilities and public streets.
13. NO spot light shall shine upon an adjacent property.