



## POOL AND SPA BARRIER

### SUMMARY OF GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL POOLS AND SPAS

An outdoor swimming pool, including an in-ground, above ground or on-ground pool, hot tub or spa shall be surrounded by a barrier which shall comply with chapter 3 of the 2018 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, and Town approved amendments. It is intended to provide protection against potential and near drowning by restricting access to swimming pool, spas, and hot tubs.

#### **Barriers (fences/yard walls) shall comply with**

- The top of the barrier must be at least 60-inches above grade (the ground) measured on the exterior side of the fence opposite the pool.
- The maximum allowable vertical distance between grade and bottom of the barrier shall be 4-inches measured on the exterior side of the fence opposite the pool.
- The barrier shall be constructed so that a 4-inch sphere cannot pass through at any point.
- A mesh fence shall be designed so the support posts are secured in place to prevent ready removal.
- The maximum opening for chain link fences shall be one inch unless the fence is provided with slats that are fastened at the top and bottom.

#### **Gates shall comply with**

- Gates shall open outward away from the pool and shall be self-closing and have a self-latching device.
- Where self-latching release mechanism is less than 54-inches from grade the following shall apply:
  - The release mechanism shall be located on the poolside of the gate at least 3-inches below the top of the gate.
  - The gate and barrier shall have no opening larger than ½-inch within 24-inches of the release mechanism.

#### **Barriers exempt from the requirements listed above:**

- Spas and or hot tubs equipped with a lockable safety cover complying with ASTM F1346
- Pools equipped with a powered safety cover complying with ASTM F 1346