

City of Winter Haven

Building Division

Residential Swimming Pool Safety requirements
Section R 4101.17 of the current Florida Building code

This form must be filled out completely prior to plan review

I, _____
Owner's Name (Please Print)

Residing at: _____

Project location: _____

Do herby request a permit to build a swimming pool to be issued to:

Contractor's Name & Company Name (Please Print)

My contractor has informed me that prior to the use of my pool, I will need a safety barrier installed in accordance with the Florida Building Code, and that all inspection approvals, including final inspection, will have been obtained. The current Florida Building – Residential requires private pools to be enclosed by a barrier meeting the requirements of Section R4101.17. Residential swimming pools with permit applications filed after October 1, 2005 must meet at least one of the pool safety barrier requirements (please see options below).

Indicate your method of compliance by checking the appropriate box(s).

- The pool will be equipped with an approved safety pool cover complying with ASTM F 1346.
- The pool will be isolated from access from the home and yard by an enclosed meeting the barrier requirements of Section R4101.17 of the current Florida Building Code.
- Combination of the partial barrier, wall of a dwelling serving as a partial barrier, alarms, and/or self closing/latching devices:
 - All doors providing direct access from the home to the pool shall be equipped with an exit alarm complying with UL 2017 that has a minimum sound pressure rating of 85 dB A at 10 feet (3048 mm). The exit alarm shall produce a continuous audile warning when the door and its screen are opened. The alarm shall sound immediately after the door is opened and be capable of being heard throughout the house during normal household activities. The alarm shall be equipped with a manual means to temporarily deactivate the alarm for a single opening. Such deactivation shall last no more than 15 seconds. The deactivation switch shall be located at least 54 inches (1372 mm) above the threshold of the door. Separate alarms are not required for each door or window if sensors wired to a central alarm sound when contact is broken at any opening.
 - All doors providing direct access from the home to the pool must be equipped with a self-closing, self-latching device with positive mechanical latching/locking installed a minimum of 54 inches (1372 mm) above the threshold, which is approved by the authority having jurisdiction.

According to Section 515.27 F.S., a person who fails to equip a new residential swimming pool with at least one pool safety feature as required above commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

I also understand that steel & ground and deck inspections are required in addition to the final inspection. Inspection access to the interior of the home is required if alarms on window & doors or if self-closing/self latching doors are utilized to meet the above requirements.

Signature (Owner)

Witness Signature

Witness (Print Name)

Date

Date

Signature (Contractor)

Date