

City of Winter Haven  
Building Division

Residential Swimming Pool Safety Requirements  
Section R 4501.17, FBC Sixth Edition/Residential

This form must be filled out completely prior to plan review

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner's Name (Please Print)

Residing at: \_\_\_\_\_

Project location: \_\_\_\_\_

Do hereby 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 FBC Sixth Edition/ Residential requires private pools to be enclosed by a barrier meeting the requirements of Section R4501.17. Residential swimming pool permit applications 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 enclosure meeting the barrier requirements of Section R4501.17
- Combination of a partial barrier, wall of a dwelling serving as a partial barrier, alarms, and/or self closing/latching devices:
  - All doors and windows 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 audible 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 and windows 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		