



AN IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT POOL SAFETY

Drowning is a serious threat to young children in Arizona. Young children also suffer from a high number of near drowning that may lead to permanent, sever disability. Most of these incidents occur in the child's own backyard swimming pool. These tragedies must be stopped. To that end, the Arizona Legislature has passed a law requiring that new occupants of the dwellings with pools, and persons having a pool installed, receive this safety message about steps to prevent drowning and the legal responsibilities of pool ownership.

STATE OF ARIZONA LAW REQUIRES A BARRIER BETWEEN THE HOUSE AND POOL. **

This law applies to homes with both a child under 6 years of age and a pool built after June 1, 1991. This law aims to impede children's access to their own pools. Likewise, all pools must have a barrier to keep out uninvited neighborhood children.

UNLESS LOCAL CODE PROVIDES OTHERWISE, * THE BARRIER MUST:**

- Entirely enclose the pool area
- Be at least 5 feet high, measured on the outside of the barrier.
- Not have openings, handholds or footholds that can be used to climb the barrier. Wire mesh or chain link shall have a maximum mesh size of 1 ¼ inches measured horizontally.
- Have no openings through which a sphere 4 inches in diameter can pass. Horizontal components of any barrier shall be spaced not less that 4S-inches apart 'measured vertically, or shall be placed on the pool-side of the barrier which shall have no opening greater than 1 ¾ inches measured horizontally.
- Be at least 20 inches from the water's edge.
- Prevent direct access from the house to the pool.
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IF A WALL OF THE HOME FORMS PART OF THE BARRIER, ONE OF THE FOLLOWING MUST BE USED:

- A Barrier at least 4, feet high between the home and the pool which otherwise meets all requirements for a barrier set forth above.
- A motorized, safety pool cover which does not require manual operation other than the use of a key which meets the American Association of Testing and Materials (ASTM) emergency standard 13-69 (now ASTM 1346-91).
- Self-latching devices on all doors with direct access to the pool. Such latches shall meet the requirements for latches on the self-closing gates set forth.
- Emergency escape or rescue window from sleeping rooms with access to pool shall be equipped with a latching device not less than 54 inches above the floor. All other openable dwelling unit or guest room windows with similar access shall be equipped with a screwed in place mesh screen, or a keyed lock that prevents opening the window more than 4 inches, or a latching device located not less than 54 inches above the floor.

An above ground swimming pool shall have non-climbable exterior sides that are a minimum height of 4 feet. Any access ladder or steps shall be removable without tools and secured ill an inaccessible position with a latching device not less than 54 inches above the ground when the pool is not in use.

* Approved pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes 36-1681 and A.A.C. R9-3-101.

** "Pool" means an in-ground or above ground swimming pool or other contained boy of water 18 or more :inches in depth, wider than 8 feet and intended for swimming.

*** Phoenix, Peoria, Tucson and some other cities, and unincorporated areas of Maricopa, Pima an~ Pinal Counties have different pool barrier requirements. Check with your city and county governments to see if they have adopted different pool barrier requirements.

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SUPERVISION IS THE KEY TO PREVENT DROWNING

Never leave children unsupervised in the pool or inside the pool area - NOT EVEN FOR A SECOND!

Inform guests to your home of the importance of closely watching the children around water. At parties, make sure someone is always watching the children around the pool.

Don't count on barriers to keep children from reaching the pool. No barrier is fool proof.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY ACT IMMEDIATELY

1. Shout for Help
2. Pull Child out of the water
3. Take the child to the phone and dial 911 (or the local emergency care #) for help.
4. Check airway and breathing. If needed, start CPR immediately. CPR can save lives and prevent serious injury!

OTHER SMART TIPS TO PROTECT CHILDREN AROUND WATER

DON'T:

- Don't keep toys, tricycles or other playthings in the pool area. Also, remove items that a child could use to climb over the barrier
- Don't be distracted by phone calls, doorbells, or chores while children are in the pool. Your full attention should be on the children.
- Don't rely on swimming lessons of "floaties" to protect your children.
- Don't prop gates open.

DO:

- Attend CPR class. All family members and baby-sitters should know CPR. For the nearest class, contact your local fire department.
- Post 911 (or the local emergency number) on all phones.
- Learn water rescue. Keep lifesaving equipment mounted near the pool especially if you can't swim.
- Lock passageways (such as pet doors) leading to the pool.
- Inspect latches and gates regularly; keep them in good working order.
- Set a good example. Insist on safety around the pool.

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