



RESIDENTIAL SWIMMING POOL SPA AND HOT TUB SAFETY ACT

NOTICE OF REQUIREMENTS

PERMIT # _____

I (we) acknowledge that a new swimming pool, spa or hot tub will be constructed or installed at _____, and hereby affirm that one of the following methods will be used to meet the requirements of Chapter 515, Florida Statutes.

Please initial the method(s) to be used for your pool, spa or hot tub:

_____ The pool will be isolated from access to the home by an enclosure that meets the pool barrier requirements of Florida Statute 515.29;

_____ The pool will be equipped with an approved safety pool cover that complies with ASTM F1346-91 (Standard Performance Specifications for Safety Covers for Swimming Pools, Spas and Hot Tubs);

_____ All doors and windows providing, direct access from the home to the pool will be equipped with an exit alarm that has a minimum sound pressure rating of 85 decibels at 10 feet;

_____ All doors providing direct access from the home to the pool will be equipped with self-closing, self-latching devices with release mechanisms placed no lower than 54" above the floor or deck.

I understand that not having one of the above installed at the time of final inspection or when the pool is completed for contract purposes, will constitute a violation of Chapter 515, Florida Statutes and will be considered as committing a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable by fines up to \$500 and/or up to sixty (60) day in jail as established in Chapter 775, Florida Statutes.

Contractor's Signature & Date

Owner's Signature & Date

Print Contractor's Name

Print Owner's Name

ATTENTION

ALL RESIDENTIAL POOL CONTRACTORS AND HOME OWNERS WITH POOLS, SPAS OR HOT TUBS UNDER CONSTRUCTION:

Effective October 1, 2000, a new Florida State Law, "Residential Swimming Pool Safety Act" was enforced. **If your new pool, spa or hot tub is not finished and you have not received a Certificate of Completion by October 1, 2000, this law will effect you.** The new law requires all new residential pools, spas and hot tubs be equipped with at least one pool safety feature as specified in Florida Statute 515. A summary of which is that in addition to the present fence/screen enclosure requirement all new pool, spa or hot tubs shall have at least one of the following safety features:

1. "An approved safety pool cover" means a manually or power-operated safety pool cover that meets all of the performance standards of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) in compliance with Standard F 1346-91.
2. "Barrier" means a fence, dwelling wall, or non-dwelling wall or any combination thereof, which completely surrounds the swimming pool and obstructs access to the swimming pool, especially access from the yard outside the barrier.

A residential swimming pool barrier must have all of the following characteristics:

- a) *The barrier must be at least 4 feet high on the outside.*
- b) *The barrier may not have any gaps, openings, indentations, protrusions or structural components that could allow a young child to crawl under, squeeze through or climb over the barrier.*
3. "Exit Alarm" means a device that makes audible, continuous alarm sounds when any door or window which permits access from the residence to any pool area that is without an intervening enclosure, is opened or left ajar.

Any person who fails to equip a new residential pool, spa or hot tub with at least one safety feature as required by this Florida Statute will commit a misdemeanor of the second degree.

The above information is only a brief overview. For complete details:

Internet

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=&URL=Ch048

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