

I AM SECURING MY POOL, IT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY

It only takes a few seconds for a child to be out of your site and at your pool. Making sure that it is secure can prevent accidents and save lives.

All residential swimming pools installed since 2010 must comply to the Regulation regarding Residential Swimming Pool Safety.

The following is an overview of its main requirements:

To limit access to the pool, an enclosure must be installed.

It must:

- minimally measure 1.2 m;
- prevent the passage, between the bars, of an object having a diameter of more than 10 cm;
- be free of any object that could facilitate climbing.

Moreover, this enclosure must:

- be equipped with safety devices such as hinges with springs and a latch, allowing the door to close and lock automatically.

To prevent a child from climbing, the pool must:

- have its operating devices installed at more than a meter from the wall

For above ground pools of at least 1.2 meters and removable pools of at least 1.4 meters, an enclosure is not necessary if access is:

- by a ladder equipped with a security door that closes and locks automatically;



- by a ladder or a platform to which access is protected by an enclosure that complies to the regulations;
- by a patio in which the part that opens to the swimming pool is protected by an enclosure that complies to the regulations.

Any installation allowing or preventing access to the pool must be kept in good working order. Violating a provision of the regulation makes you liable to a fine of **at least \$500.00** and **not more than \$700.00**. For a second offence, these amounts are respectively increased to **\$700.00** and **\$1 000.00**.

Contact your municipality!

In order to comply to the regulations, a permit issued by the municipality is required to construct, install or replace a pool. It is also required for any structure which gives or protects access to the pool.

Moreover, municipalities may adopt harsher or more restrictive regulations than those of the Regulation regarding Residential Swimming Pool Safety. It is best to check with your municipality concerning the aforementioned.

