

SWIMMING POOL REQUIREMENTS

Building Inspection Requirements:

Before a swimming pool can be installed, a Building Permit must be issued. The permit application will be reviewed by the Building and Zoning Divisions for compliance with various codes. Provo Code 14.34.210 Swimming Pools, as defined by the Building Code shall be set back at least five (5) feet from all property lines and shall be provided with access gates and a fence or barrier at least six (6) feet.

Detailed drawings are required from the pool manufacturer, including a cross section of the in-ground pool, wiring, plumbing, fencing and gates, etc.

Upon the issuance of a building permit for a swimming pool, the contractor will be informed that a six (6) foot high fence is necessary. The fence must be in place at the time of the re-bar placement and grounding inspection.

The field inspector will confirm the adequacy of the fence and its self-closing, self-latching gates at the time of the inspection. The construction access opening does not have to be self-closing. It must be easily closable and latch able (max. 2 bolts).

In the event that a swimming pool is found to be filled without an appropriate fence, the following steps are to be taken:

- The inspector must report the situation immediately to the inspection office. If the owner or contractor is not at the site, then a staff member will be sent to the site until the owner or contractor can guard the unsafe situation or until it is abated.
- The owner/contractor must immediately guard or appoint an adult to guard the pool until the life threatening situation is abated. Abatement must occur by 5:00pm of that day. Abatement meaning either an appropriate 6' high fence installed or the pool drained.
- The owner and contractor will be informed that this is a violation of City Ordinances and a misdemeanor citation will be issued.
- 4 If the problem is not abated by 4:30_{PM}, the City will order either a temporary 6' fence to be placed around the pool for protection, or the Fire Department will be called to pump the pool and the costs associated will be charged to the owner/contractor. The office personnel will order the fence or pumping. All costs will be billed to the contractor and must be paid prior to continuing the project.

At the Final Inspection, the minimum six (6) foot high fence must fully enclose the pool. The doors and gates must be self-closing and self-latching. Note: (Also see 2005 NEC Article 680, 2006 IRC Appendix G & Chapter 41 and also IBC Chapter 31.) Commercial pools need to be inspected by the Utah County Health Department prior to operation of the pool.

Please contact the Building Inspection Division for additional information at: 801 852 6452





