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Pool/Spa and Hot Tub Alarm Certification

The California Building Code and the Health and Safety Code require that where a wall of a Group R, Division 3 Occupancy dwelling unit serves as part of the pool/spa barrier, and contains door openings between the dwelling unit and the outdoor swimming pool which provide direct access to the pool, a separation fence shall be provided.

When approved by a building official, one of the following may be used:

1. The barrier that isolates a swimming pool to access from the home shall meet the following criteria:
 - (a) Any access gates into the enclosure shall open away from the swimming pool, and shall be self-closing with a self-latching device placed no lower than 54" inches above ground.
 - (b) A minimum height of 60 inches. Measured from outside of the barrier.
 - (c) A maximum vertical clearance from the ground to the bottom of the enclosure of two inches.
 - (d) Gaps or voids, if any, do not allow passage of a sphere equal to or greater than four inches diameter.
 - (e) An outside surface free of protrusions, cavities, or other physical characteristics that would serve as handholds or footholds that could enable a child below the age of five years to climb over.
2. Removable mesh fencing which complies with the requirements in # 1 and ASTM F 2286.
3. The pool is equipped with an approved safety pool cover.
(Cover must meet ASTM Standard F1346-91)
4. An alarm installed on all doors with direct access to the pool. The alarm shall sound continuously for a minimum of 30 seconds within 7 seconds after the door and its screen, if present, are opened, and be capable of providing a sound pressure level of not less than 85 dBA when measured indoors at 10 feet. The alarm shall automatically reset under all conditions. The alarm system shall be equipped with a manual means, such as a touch pad or switch, to temporarily deactivate the alarm for a single opening. Such deactivation shall last no longer than 15 seconds. The deactivation switch shall be located at least 54 inches above the floor level of the door.
5. Self-closing and self-latching devices installed on all doors with direct access to the pool, with the release mechanism located a minimum of 54 inches above the floor.
6. Swimming pool alarms that, when placed in pools, will sound upon detection of accidental or unauthorized entrance into the water. These pool alarms shall meet and be independently certified to the ASTM Standard F 2208 "Standards Specification for Pool Alarms" which includes surface motion, pressure, sonar, laser, and infrared type alarms. For the purposes of this article, "swimming pool alarms" shall not include swimming protection alarm designated for individual use, such as an alarm attached to a child that sounds when the child exceeds a certain distance or becomes submerged in water.

I hereby certify that I am the responsible party at and have provided the following exception number _____

Job Address _____ Date _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____

*In addition to the state requirements, pools must have enclosures that meet local city ordinances.