

SWIMMING POOL ENCLOSURE INSPECTION - A CHECKLIST

Compliance and Licensing: will check the swimming pool enclosure around the pool for access safety and not the pool itself.

Item that will be checked when conducting the final inspection of your pool enclosure include the following minimum standards:

- Height of Pool Enclosure (fence)**
A continuous 1.2 m (4 ft) **non climbable structure** around the pool. This is the distance between horizontal fence rails. Decorative/ornamental items, accessible latches on wrought iron fencing, or exposed diagonal braces on wood gates provide climbable areas for children, and these must be removed or covered.
- Vertical Spacing**
Of fence members – Vertical fence material spacing (wrought iron or wood) of no more than 9 cm (**3 5/8 inches**).
- Chain Link**
Mesh at least 4 ft in height, with 1.5 inch mesh, a continuous solid top rail, and a bottom tension wire.
- No Fence Stepping**
To avoid a fence which can be climbable, a distance of more than 1.2 m is required when building the pool enclosure. Where a fence post exists and the fence height levels change, we measure this 1.2 m distance from the horizontal rails on either side of the same post. Where these sections step down to follow a grade change, the bottom horizontal rail of the higher fence section, measured to the top horizontal rail of the adjacent lower fence section should not be less than 1.2 m.
- Fence type Changes**
Where fence materials change from one type to another, the vertical spacing between materials must be no greater than 2 inches.
- Bottom Spacing**
Bottom spacing of no more than 4 inches at any point along the fence enclosure.
- Gates**
Gates must be **self closing and self latching**, with the latches on the pool side of the gate. The ability to place a padlock on the gate is not considered adequate even if the intention is to keep the gate permanently locked.

Your attention to ensuring these minimum standards are in proper order will enable the Municipal Law Enforcement Officer to sign off on your swimming pool enclosure and to issue a Certificate of Approval as promptly as possible and avoid delays with installing the liner and filling the pool.