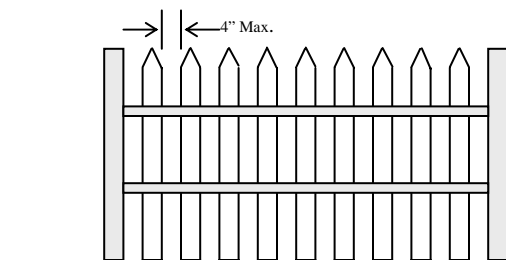
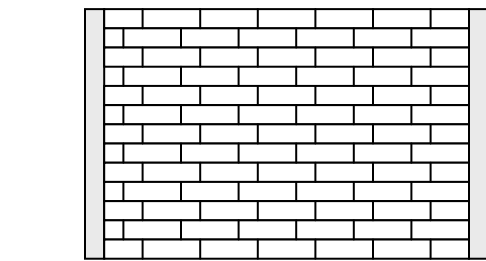
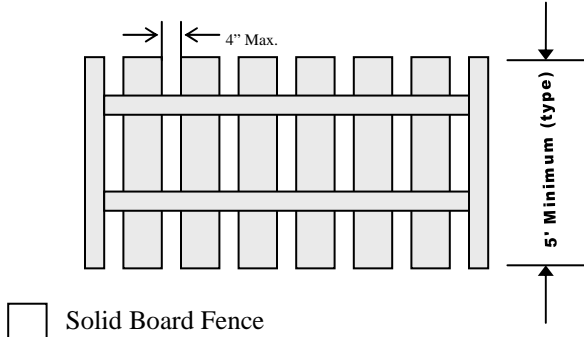
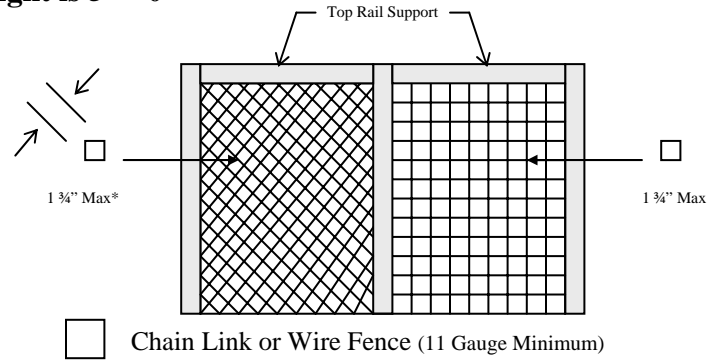


## Swimming Pool Fence Requirements

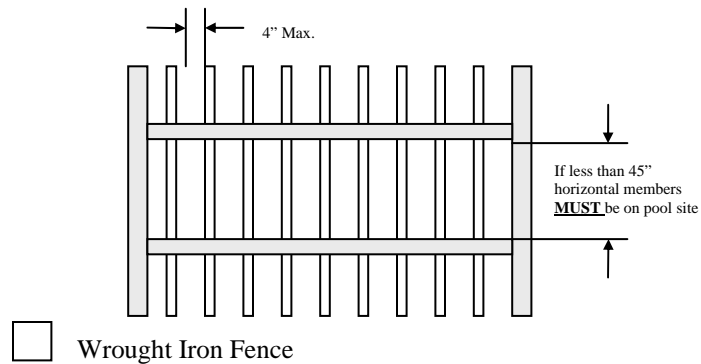
Minimum Height is 5' - 0"



Other, Please attach detail



\* Opening Greater than 1 3/4" Requires Slats



**NOTE:**

Where the barrier is composed of horizontal and vertical members and the distance between the tops of the horizontal members less than 45 inches, the horizontal members shall be located on the swimming pool side of the fence

# Swimming Pool Barrier Requirements

On January 1, 1998, Assembly Bill 3305, regarding swimming pool barrier, will become law. The bill was approved by the Governor on September 25, 1996. The new law, Section 115920 et seq, was added to Chapter 5 of Part 10 of Division 104 of the Health and Safety Code, and relates to single family housing. This new law is more restrictive than previous County requirements.

## General Provisions

Commencing January 1, 1998, whenever a construction permit is issued for construction of a new swimming pool at a private, single-family home at least one of the following enclosure/barrier safety features listed as 1,2, or 3 shall be provided.

1. **Enclosure/Barrier** – The pool shall be isolated from access to a home by an enclosure that meets these requirements:
  - a. A minimum height of 60 inches.
  - b. Any access gate through the enclosure must open away from the pool, and shall be self-closing with a self-latching device, no lower than 60 inches above the ground.
  - c. Gaps or voids, if any, do not allow passage of a sphere equal to or greater than four inches in diameter.
  - d. A maximum vertical clearance from the ground to the bottom of the enclosure is 2 inches. \*
  - 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 old to climb over.

**Note:** When a portion of the house or garage is used as part of the barrier/enclosure, all doors giving direct access to the pool area shall have approved alarms.

### OR

All doors giving direct access from the home to the swimming pool shall be equipped with self-closing, self-latching devices with a release mechanism placed no lower than 54 inches above the floor.

2. **Cover/Barrier** – The swimming pool shall be equipped with an approved safety cover which shall meet all requirements and performance standards of the American Society for Testing and Materials (A S T M) standard F134691. Cover specifications to be provided at the time of the permit application.
3. **Alternatives** – Other means of protection, if the degree of protection afforded is equal to or greater than that afforded by any of the devices described in items 1 and 2, as determined by the building official.

**General Information** – “Swimming pool” or “pool” means any structure intended for swimming or recreational bathing that contains water over 18 inches deep. “Swimming pool” includes in ground and above ground structures and includes, but not limited to, hot tubs, spas, portable spas, and non-portable wading pools.

Hot tubs or spas with locking safety covers that comply with the American Society for Testing Materials – Emergency Performance Specification (ASTM. -ES 1389) are exempt.

Alarms shall sound continuously for a minimum of 30 seconds immediately after an exterior door is opened, and shall be capable of being heard throughout the house during normal household activities. The alarm shall be automatically reset under all conditions. The alarm may be equipped with a manual means to temporarily deactivate for a single opening. The deactivation period shall be no longer than 15 seconds shall. The deactivation means shall be located at least 54 inches above the threshold of the door. Alarms may be battery operated or connected to the building electrical system.

The new law imposes a requirement to any person entering into an agreement to build a swimming pool shall give notice to the consumer of the requirements.

**Permits/Application** – THREE plot plans showing the location of the pool, equipment, distances to property lines, structures, easements, and septic systems when applicable. The plot plan shall also indicate the type and location of the enclosure/barrier. TWO sets of structural plans and engineering calculations shall also be provided.

## Required Inspections

Pre-Gunite	Steel placement, plumbing, electrical, including bonding.
Pre-Deck	Forms and bonding.
Pre-Plaster/Final	Enclosure/Barrier/Alarms and electrical.
*Special Final	Approved pool cover barrier when applicable. Installed and inspected with ten (10) days of pre-plaster inspection.