

POOL BARRIER REQUIREMENTS - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

DO I HAVE TO INSTALL A 5 FOOT FENCE BETWEEN THE HOUSE AND POOL?

⊖ If a Pool Access Barrier fence is not constructed between the house and pool; there are two other options available:

- 1. The wall of the house that faces the pool may be used as a portion of the Barrier when the windows, doors and other openings are installed to meet the Pool Access Barrier requirements. You may request a courtesy inspection from the COK Building Department by calling (928)753 8123.
2. Install a motorized safety cover which complies with ASTM F 1345.

MAY I USE DOOR ALARMS INSTEAD OF SELF-CLOSING DOORS WITH A LATCH 54" HIGH?

⊖ No. Door alarms do not satisfy the Kingman Municipal Code requirement.

MAY I USE MY SLIDING SCREEN DOOR INSTEAD OF THE SLIDING GLASS DOOR AS A PART OF THE BARRIER?

⊖ No. Even a small child can knock a screen door off its track. Screening can easily be cut, worn or torn.

WHEN IS THE POOL ACCESS BARRIER REQUIRED?

⊖ Each of the following apply:

- Whenever a new swimming pool/spa is installed or constructed.
➤ Any time an addition or alteration is made to any part of an existing pool enclosure (such as a change to a fence or to the wall of a house), then the new work must comply with the new barrier standards. EXAMPLE: If you change a door to the backyard, the door must be made self-closing and self-latching when it is part of the barrier.
➤ Since March 16, 1992, a barrier between the house and the pool IS REQUIRED. These barriers are required to be installed retroactively, even if the pool was built before 1992.

DOES AN ABOVE GROUND POOL REQUIRE A POOL SAFETY BARRIER?

⊖ Yes! When the pool is 18" or more deep and 8 feet or more wide.

WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE CHILDREN IN MY HOME?

⊖ The City of Kingman does not allow exception based on age of occupants or visitors or length of time of visit. The ordinance applies if a pool is installed.

WHAT ABOUT A FENCE BUILT BEFORE 2007?

⊖ For pools permitted prior to December 17, 2007, a grandfather clause allows an existing Pool Access Barrier, between the House and the Pool, to stay in place unaltered if it is at least 4 feet high and otherwise meets prior Pool Barrier standards. Newly installed Pool Access Barrier fences must always be 5 feet high.

IF MY CHILD GROWS UP OR MOVES AWAY, CAN I TAKE DOWN THE BARRIER BETWEEN THE POOL AND THE HOUSE?

⊖ NO! The barrier shall not be removed! The current standard is a permanent requirement for all existing and new pools.

WHEN MUST THE BARRIER BE INSTALLED?

⊖ Without question, before any water is placed in a pool or spa for any reason.

WHO IS LOCALLY LICENSED TO BUILD A POOL BARRIER FENCE?

⊖ A new pool contractor is, if the fence is included in the pool contract. But other fence contractors are also available. For example:

Local Fence Contractors:

Table with 4 columns: Contractor Name, Phone Number, AZ ROC #, and License Number. Includes Arnel Fence, Craftwork Fence, Innovative Stoneworks & Landscaping, Legacy Signs and Iron, Perfection Masonry, and S&S Development.