



CALIFORNIA POOL SAFETY ACT



Most drownings occur in home swimming pools, often because a child gains access to the pool when no one is looking. To prevent drowning tragedies, the Pool Safety Act (SB 442) provides that, when a building permit is issued for the construction of a new swimming pool or spa or the remodeling of an existing pool or spa at a private single-family home, the pool or spa must be equipped with at least two of the following safety features:

1. An enclosure that isolates the pool or spa from the home
2. Removable mesh fencing in conjunction with a self-latching, self-closing gate that can accommodate a key-lockable device
3. An approved safety cover
4. Exit alarms on the home's door that provide direct access to the pool or spa
5. A self-closing, self-latching device with a release mechanism placed at least 54 inches above the floor of the home that provides direct access to the pool or spa
6. An alarm placed on the pool or spa that will sound upon detection of accidental or unauthorized entry
7. Other means of protection if determined to be equal to or greater than what is afforded by these six safety features

Before final approval is given or the home is sold, an inspection must occur to determine that the required safety features are in place.