

General Information:

- The Private Swimming Pools Bylaw, 2000 contains various requirements for private swimming pools. The information contained in this brochure is extracted from that bylaw.
- The Private Swimming Pools Bylaw includes offences and penalties for bylaw contravention so it is important to ensure the requirements of the bylaw are followed.
- It is the owner's responsibility to contact Information Services Corporation of Saskatchewan (ISC) and Utility Companies to locate utility lines and easements. Construction over underground utilities is not permitted.
- The plumbing system shall not be constructed, extended, altered, renewed, or repaired unless a plumbing permit has been obtained. Call 975-7631 for plumbing permit information.
- Gas and Electrical Permits must be obtained from SaskPower. Call 1-800-757-6937 for further information on gas/electrical permits and inspections.



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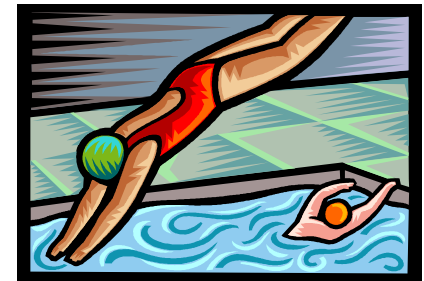
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A Guide to Construction of Private Swimming Pools

Regulations and Permit Information
for Construction
of Private Swimming Pools

BEFORE YOU BUILD...



What is a private swimming pool?

- A Private Swimming Pool is an artificially created basin intended to contain water for the use of persons for swimming, diving, wading or similar activity which is at least 600 millimetres in depth. This includes in-ground pools, above-ground pools and hot tubs.

Is a permit required?

- Yes, a Building Permit is required to be obtained from the City of Saskatoon to construct, erect or demolish a private swimming pool. A permit is not required for the installation of a hot tub that is 2.4 metres or less across the widest portion of the water surface.

What are the requirements for enclosures & gates?

- Enclosures must be constructed so as to minimize the risk of unauthorized entry into the pool area by a member of the public by crawling under, climbing over, or climbing through the enclosure.
- Minimum height of 1.5 metres (5 ft.) measured on the exterior, non-pool, side.
- Where chain link is used, the mesh size must not exceed 50 mm (2 in.) and the wire core must be at least 11 gauge.
- Gaps or openings of up to 100 mm (4 in.) are permitted between vertical members of an enclosure fence if one continuous vertical separation of 1,100 mm (43-1/4 in.) is maintained between horizontal structural members or other climbable members along the entirety of the fence. Refer to *diagram 1* on right side of page.
- There is no minimum separation required between horizontal structural members or other climbable members located on the inside or pool side of the enclosure fence when gaps or openings between vertical members do not exceed 20 mm (3/4 in.). Refer to *diagram 2* on right side of page.
- The gap or space between grade and the bottom of the enclosure or gate must not exceed 100 mm (4 in.).
- Gates must swing outwards, be self-closing, and must be equipped with a self-latching lockable latch to prevent unauthorized entry.
- The enclosure and gate must be maintained in good repair at all times.
- These enclosure and gate requirements do not apply to a hot tub that is less than 2.4 metres across the widest portion of the water surface which has a lockable cover with the strength to support the weight of an adult and is maintained in place and locked at all times when the hot tub is unsupervised.

Additional Requirements:

- An access walkway that is at least 750 mm (30 in.) wide must be provided around the swimming pool.
- Safety devices such as first aid kit, appropriate length reaching pole and buoy with sufficient length rope are required to be present at all times.
- The swimming pool must have a discharge system that allows the pool to drain into the sanitary sewer of the property upon which the pool is located.

CLIMBABLE MEMBERS ON NON-POOL SIDE OF FENCE

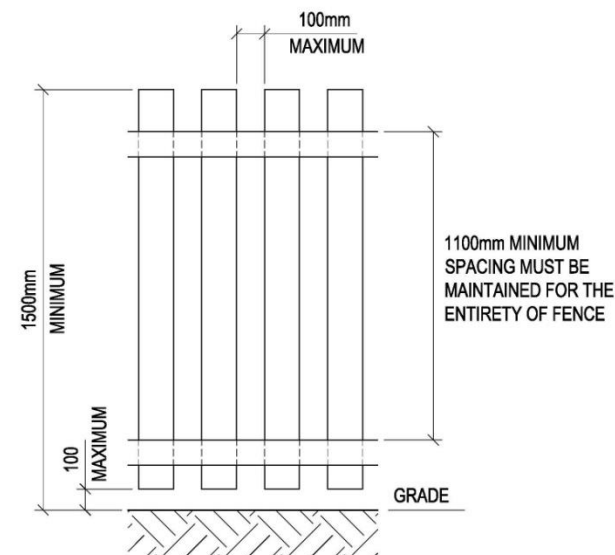


Diagram 1

CLIMBABLE MEMBERS ON POOL SIDE OF FENCE

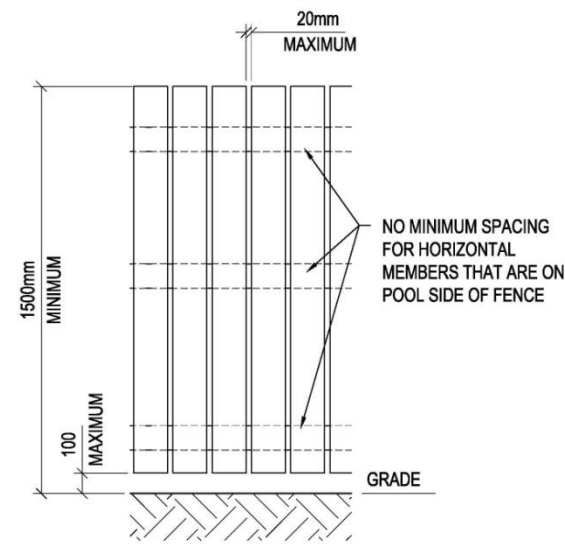


Diagram 2

A BUILDING PERMIT IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION

A fee will be charged for all Swimming Pool Construction Permits