

## Check List

Width of walking surface at most narrow location: \_\_\_\_\_

Height from walking surface to pool edge: \_\_\_\_\_

Height of fence and gate(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Gauge of chain link fence: \_\_\_\_\_

Width of water surface of hot tub: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirm that the following will be on site:

- Non-climbable enclosure
- Locking gate(s)
- First aid kit
- Reaching pole that extends to middle of pool
- Buoy and rope to reach across pool

An inspection of all safety equipment and security measures is required before the pool is filled.

Permits for pools can now be applied for online at [Saskatoon.ca/buildingstandards](http://Saskatoon.ca/buildingstandards).

[The Private Swimming Pools Bylaw, 2000](#) contains various requirements for private swimming pools, including penalties for bylaw contravention. The information contained in this brochure is extracted from that bylaw.



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# A Guide to the Installation of Private Swimming Pools

## Regulations and Permit Information for the Construction or Installation of Private Swimming Pools

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## 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 mm (24 in) in depth. This includes in-ground pools, above-ground pools and hot tubs.

## Is a permit required?

- Yes, a building permit is required to construct, erect, install or demolish a private swimming pool. The permit for the installation of a pool will cover the erection and demolition of a seasonal pool as long as there are no changes to the pool, the pool location, walkways around the pool or the enclosures.

## What are the security requirements?

- Enclosures must be constructed so as to minimize the risk of unauthorized entry into the pool area by crawling under, climbing over, or climbing through the enclosure.
- The diagrams to the right show two separate options for fences that are acceptable.
- The gap or space between grade and the bottom of the enclosure or gate must not exceed 100 mm (4 in).
- If chain link is used, it must be at least 11 gauge and the mesh size must not exceed 50 mm (2 in).
- Gates must swing outwards, be equipped with self-closing and self-latching devices and must be lockable. The gate is to be anchored to secure structures on both sides.
- The enclosure and gate must be maintained in good repair at all times.
- All gates and entrances to the pool area shall be locked when the area is not supervised.

## Additional Requirements:

- An access walkway that is at least 750 mm (30 in) wide must be provided around the pool. The vertical height from the walkway to the rim of an above-ground pool may not be more than 1.2 m (4 ft).
- Safety devices, such as a first aid kit, an appropriate length reaching pole, and a buoy with rope of sufficient length, 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.
- The City of Saskatoon may circulate the application to Saskatoon Light & Power for approval.

## What about hot tubs?

- The above requirements do not apply to a hot tub that is less than 2.4 metres (8 ft) across the widest (diagonal) portion of the water surface if:
  - The hot tub has a cover with the strength to support the weight of an adult;
  - The cover can be locked in place; and,
  - The cover is maintained and locked at all times when the hot tub is unsupervised.

## General Information:

- It is the owner's responsibility to contact Information Services Corporation (ISC) and utility companies to locate utility lines and easements. Construction over utilities is not permitted.
- The plumbing system shall not be constructed, extended, altered, renewed, or repaired unless a plumbing permit has been obtained. Call 306-975-7631 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.

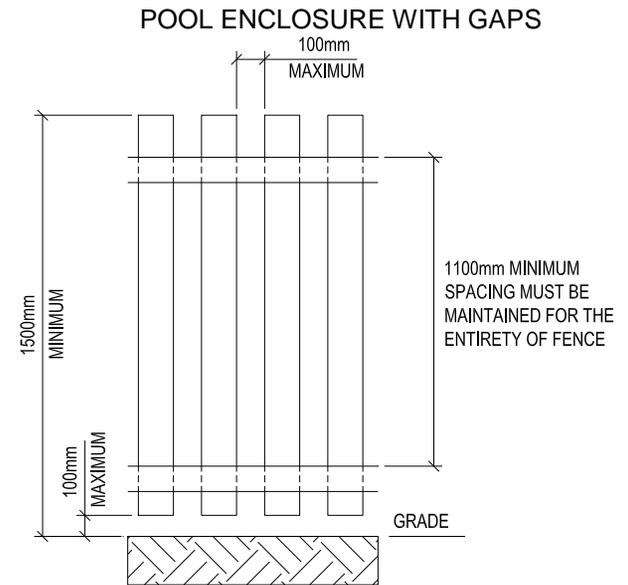


Diagram 1

## POOL ENCLOSURE WITHOUT GAPS

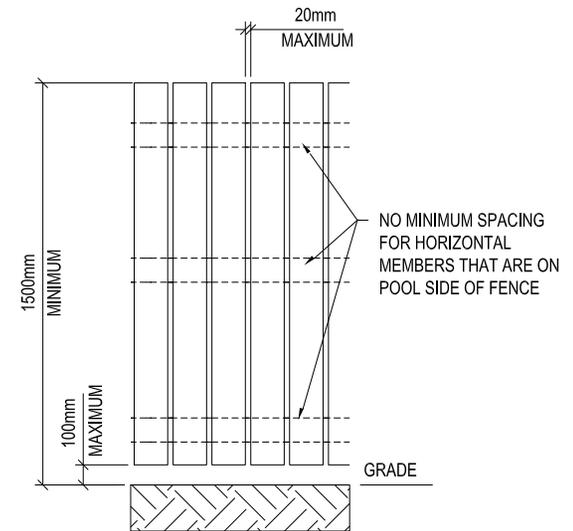


Diagram 2

**A BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT PERMIT IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION**

A fee will be charged for all building and development permits to construct a swimming pool.