

ACCIDENT PREVENTION

INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING POOL & SPA CODE

Swimming pools can be wonderful items that we enjoy during those warmer months, however, they also pose a safety hazard to those around us. According to the ICC, "ISPSA approved pools and spas are designed to reduce child drowning or near drowning incidents by introducing or enhancing existing barrier requirements, compliant designs of exit and entry....". Some of the fundamental "layers" to accident prevention are:

Barrier Requirements (fencing): To isolate the swimming pool by way of a minimum four foot high enclosure.

Automatic Power Safety Cover: A pool cover that is placed over the water area, and is opened and closed with a motorized mechanism activated by a control switch.

Manual Safety Covers: An impenetrable covering that completely covers the pool, spa, or hot tub, blocking access to water.

Door Exit Alarms: An alarm that produces an audible warning when a child opens a door, screen or window.

Self-Closing/Self Latching Devices for Doors and Latching Devices for windows: An approved means of protection, such as, self-closing doors with self-latching devices.

Fence Gate Closer & Latch: To close and latch fence gates securely, making a pool, spa, or hot tub inaccessible to a child.

