



SWIMMING POOL REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to RDOS Building Bylaw #2805:

Part 14 Swimming Pools

Swimming Pool Permit and Fencing

- 14.1 Without limiting section 5.1 of this bylaw, a person must not construct, or structurally repair, a swimming *pool* without a valid *building permit*.
- 14.2 A permit application for a pool must be accompanied by a plan showing:
- (a) The location of the proposed pool and any accessory *buildings* in relation to all existing *buildings* on the parcel and the parcel boundaries;
 - (b) The type of *construction* and the proposed method of enclosure.
- 14.3 **A swimming *pool* must be enclosed within a fence constructed without footholds or grips that children may use to climb into the enclosed area, having a minimum height of 1.2 metres and no openings greater than 100 mm at their greatest dimension.**

Pool Gate

- 14.4 Access through a fence enclosing a swimming *pool* other than through a dwelling, must be through a self-closing and self-latching gate designed and constructed or installed so as to cause the gate to return to a closed position when not in use and secured by a latch located on the swimming *pool* side of the gate.
- 14.5 A swimming *pool* which is located above ground and has vertical sides of at least 1.2 metres may be protected from access by fencing the access ladder with fencing in accordance with section 14.3.

Maintenance

- 14.6 A person may not use or *occupy* a swimming *pool* unless the *owner* or *occupier* of property on or in which a *pool* is located maintains every fence required under sections 14.3 to 14.5 in good order and without limitation maintains and repairs in good order at all times all sagging gates, loose parts, torn mesh, missing materials, worn latches, locks or broken or binding members.

Drainage

- 14.7 Drainage from pools must be contained and disposed of on the same property as the pool is located and discharged to the ground where practical to do so.

NOTE – it is recommended that homeowners contact their home insurance carrier to determine specific requirements to ensure proper coverage.