

SWIMMING POOLS REGULATIONS

1. A fence or other approved barrier is required for any swimming pool. This fence must be at least 48" tall and have a self-closing, self-latching type gate. The fence can be wood, vinyl, masonry or chain link. The fence has to prevent the entry of any sphere over 4" in diameter. A chain link fence has to be 1A" or less. Horizontal and ladder type members are NOT allowed as fencing around a pool, in order to keep small children from obtaining access to the pool and risk injury. The fence must be installed prior to filling the pool. Auto covers may not serve as barriers.
2. A site plan must accompany a pool permit application, indicating the location of the pool on the property. The pool and any deck cannot be constructed on any easement.
3. You will need to submit a brochure or other form of written information stating that the pool equipment, such as the filter and pump, has been listed for the purpose intended by an approved agency, such as Underwriters Laboratory.
4. If a deck is going to be constructed with the pool, structural plans for the deck should be submitted. If the deck provides access from the pool to a door leading into the house, the door must have **one** of the following:
 - A. A door alarm and controls located at least 54" high adjacent to the door. The alarm must produce an 85 DBA audible warning signal within 7 seconds after the door has opened.
 - B. A self-closing and self-latching device on the door located at least 54" above the threshold. This option is only available when the door swings away from the pool.
 - C. A powered safety cover with a capacity of 485 pounds. The controls for the cover must be permanently installed and must be a key operated switch. The switch must also be adjacent to the pool.
5. All electrical receptacles used for pools or pool equipment must be GFCI protected and have weatherproof covers that are capable of closing while the plug is in place.

Receptacles used for pump equipment can be placed between 6 and 10 feet from the inside rim of the pool, must be single, grounded and of a twist locking variety.

A standard receptacle must be installed between 10 and 20 feet from the pool and shall be GFCI type. All electrical work should be performed by a licensed electrician.

6. All pool motors must be on a timer and have a means of disconnect with in sight of the equipment not less than a 5ft reach path from the waters edge. (Note: Timer may be located remotely provided the pool motor has an appropriate disconnect.)
7. Pools and spas with heaters must have covers. For pools/spas 90 degrees and over the cover must have an R-12 insulation factor.
8. Pool heaters must have an on/off switch and a timer, if gas the pilot light may not burn continuously.

Note: Shenango Township, Lawrence County requires a 6ft barrier with a self latching gate at the perimeter of in ground pools. Above ground pools require a locking ladder and additional railing around the top perimeter of the pool.

SECTION 305
BARRIER REQUIREMENTS
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305.3 Gates. Access gates shall comply with the requirements of Sections 305.3.1 through 305.3.3 and shall be equipped to accommodate a locking device. Pedestrian access gates shall open outward away from the pool or spa, shall be self-closing and shall have a self-latching device.

305.3.1 Utility or service gates. Gates not intended for pedestrian use, such as utility or service gates, shall remain locked when not in use.

305.3.2 Double or multiple gates. Double gates or multiple gates shall have at least one leaf secured in place and the adjacent leaf shall be secured with a self-latching device. The gate and barrier shall not have openings larger than 1/2 inch (12.7 mm) within 18 inches (457 mm) of the latch release mechanism. The self-latching device shall comply with the requirements of Section 305.3.3.

305.3.3 Latches. Where the release mechanism of the self-latching device is located less than 54 inches (1372 mm) from grade, the release mechanism shall be located on the pool or spa side of the gate not less than 3 inches (76 mm) below the top of the gate, and the gate and barrier shall not have openings greater than 1/2 inch (12.7 mm) within 18 inches (457 mm) of the release mechanism.

