

Castle Shannon Borough
3310 McRoberts Road
Castle Shannon Borough

Section 502 General Regulations For All Districts

Swimming Pools

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Open private swimming pools are considered structures for the purpose of permits and regulations of all ordinances, if they are reconstructed, used or maintained to provide recreational facilities for swimming, bathing, or wading and capable of containing water to a dept of greater than eighteen (18) inches. For the purpose of this ordinance, they are not counted as floor area in computing the lot coverage but shall not be located in any required setback area. All swimming pools, both in-ground and above-ground, shall be at least ten (10) feet from any lot line and shall be enclosed by a fence, wall or other substantial barrier not less than four (4) feet high, with a self latching gate and of such a character as reasonable to prevent access to the pool.

No swimming pool shall be constructed in the Borough except in accordance with a permit therefore previously secured from the Building Official or his duly authorized representative, upon written application accompanied by a plan showing the size. Shape, and location of the swimming pool and its enclosure and such other information as may be necessary to enable the Building Official to determine whether the pool complies with this ordinance.

SECTION 303
SWIMMING POOLS, SPAS AND HOT TUBS

301.1 Swimming Pools. Swimming Pools shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, and in good repair.

- **Swimming pools, if neglected, can become a health hazard, resulting in insect-attracting stagnant water.**

302.2 Enclosures. Private swimming pools, hot tubs and spas, containing water more than 24 inches (610 mm) in depth shall be completely surrounded by a fence or barrier at least 48 inches (1219) in height above the finished ground level measured on the side of the barrier away from the pool. Gates and doors in such barriers shall be self-closing and self-latching. Where the self-latching device is less than 54 inches (1372 mm) above the bottom of the gate, the release mechanism shall be located on the pool side of the gate. Self-closing and self-latching gates shall be maintained such that the gate will positively close and latch released from the open position of 6 inches (152 mm) from the gatepost. No existing pool enclosure shall be removed, replaced or changed in a manner that reduces its effectiveness as a safety barrier.

- This performance-based criteria was specifically added to address pool-related problems where a child could gain entry through a gate that failed to close and latch properly and possibly drown. Gates that may have deteriorated over time through age, wear and exposure to the elements are now addressed so that they will continue to provide the intended level of protection.