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INFORMATION BULLETIN
Swimming Pool Gates and Fence Requirements

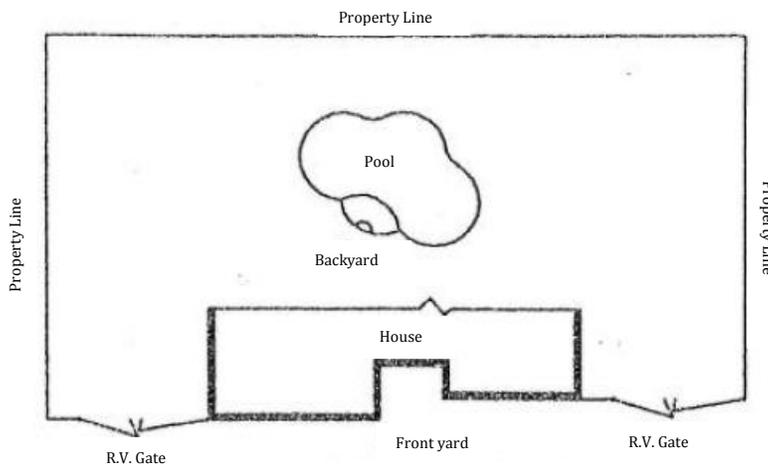
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Swimming Pool Gates and Fences

All gates and fencing for sites with pools must comply and be constructed with the following guidelines:

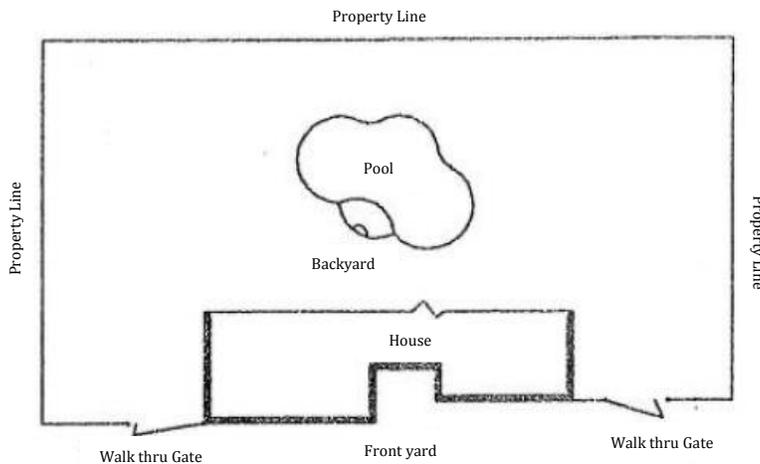
1. All gates and fences must be non-climbable, free of protrusions, cavities, or other physical characteristics that would serve as handholds or footholds that would enable a child below the age of **five** years to climb over. The fence/gate must be a minimum height of 5' (60"). All latches and pull strings inside or outside of a gate must be 60" clear from the ground or top of concrete.
2. All gates and fences cannot have more than 4" O.C. horizontal space between pickets and must have a minimum of 45" clear space between the top of the bottom rail and the top of the top rail (E.g. No toe holds between). On "Good Neighbor Fences," top and bottom rails must meet this code for the rails that are on the outside of the pool yard.
 *The bottom of the fence or gate's pickets or rails must be no more than 2" above area grade or top of concrete if set on top of concrete.
3. All gates that have access to the pool area must open away from the pool.
4. Walk through and R.V. Gates and other variations of it must comply with the guidelines above and as set forth below. Double walk through gates must be treated like R.V. gates in that one gate must be pinned and locked while the other is self-closing and latching as described below.
5. Pet and doggy doors that have direct access to a pool/spa are not allowed.

R.V. Gates (both sides of house)



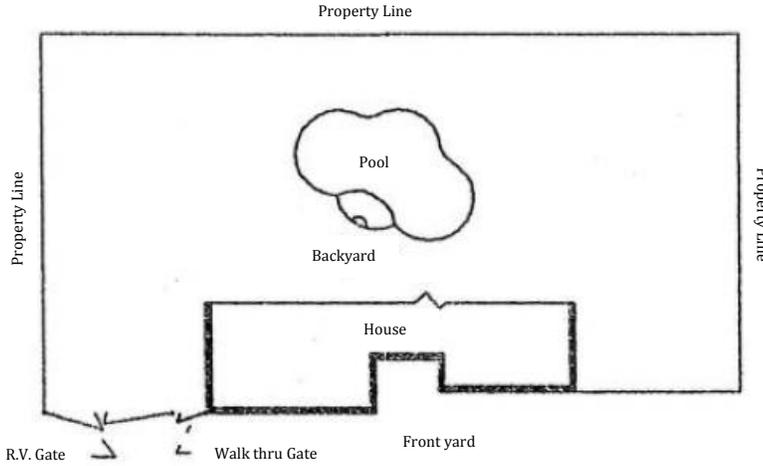
R.V. Gates: R.V. gates must have one side of gate bolted (pinned) into ground (concrete) and then the pin must be locked. The other side of the gate must be self-closing and latching with pull string and latch above 60" from ground or concrete. This application applies to both sides of the house.

Walk Through Gates



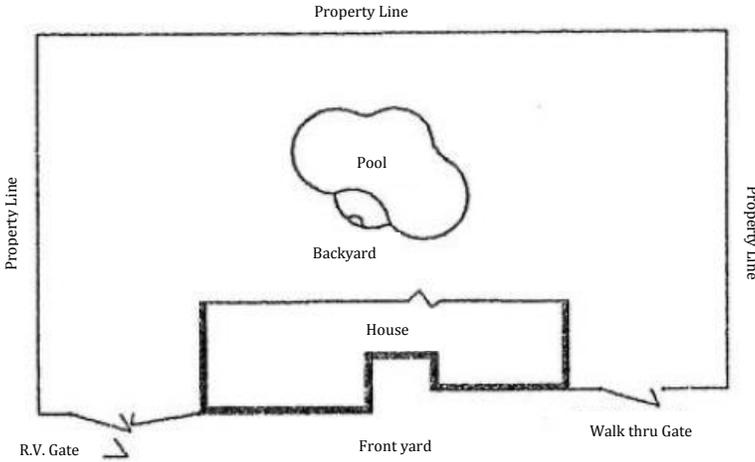
All walk through gates (1 or more) must be self-closing and latching with latches and pull strings above 60" from ground or concrete.

R.V. & Walk Through Gates



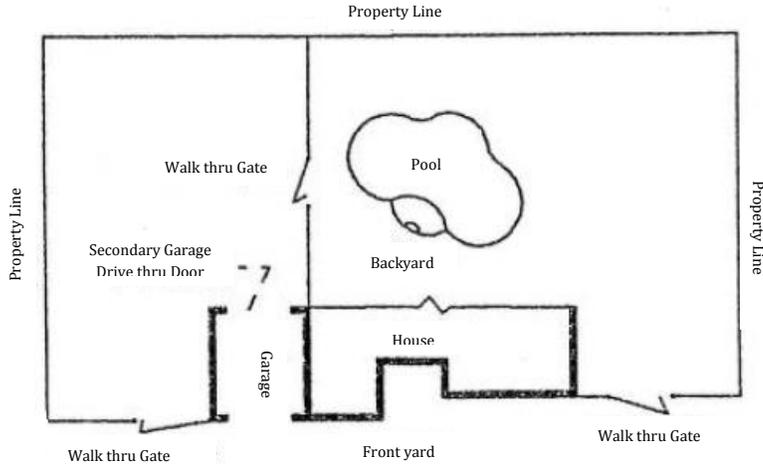
R.V. Gates: one bolted (pinned) into ground (concrete) and then the pin must be locked, the other half of the gate must be self-closing and latching with string and latch above 60" from ground or concrete. Walk through gate must also be self-closing and latching with latch and pull string above 60" from ground or concrete.

R.V. & Separate Walk Through Gates



R.V. Gate/Walk through gate is the same as above for the R.V. Gates.

Garage Door Fence/Gate



All walk through gates (1 or more) must be self-closing and latching with latches and pull strings above 60" from ground or concrete. (Exception: A walk through gate or R.V. gate in the position to the left of the garage (shown left) would not come under the code as the cross fences behind the house meet the necessary code requirement.) A gate and/or fence must divide access to the pool from a secondary drive through garage door.