

SWIMMING  
POOL SAFETY  
SB 442 LAW

**As of January 1, 2018, newly permitted California pool and spa owners will need to install at least TWO of the following safety measures with any new or remodeled pool.** This new law affects all new swimming pools and spas built or remodeled starting in 2018. During the planning process for your new pool or remodeling your existing one, take the time to research which of the two approved safety measures will work best for your pool layout and your family's security.

1. An enclosure that isolates the swimming pool or spa from the private single-family home.
2. Removable mesh fencing that meets American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Specifications F2286 standards in conjunction with a gate that is self-closing and self-latching and can accommodate a key lockable device.
3. An approved safety pool cover.
4. Exit alarms on the private single-family home's doors that provide direct access to the swimming pool or spa. The exit alarm may cause either an alarm noise or a verbal warning, such as a repeating notification that "the door to the pool is open."
5. A self-closing, self-latching device with a release mechanism placed no lower than 54 inches above the floor on the private single-family home's doors providing direct access to the swimming pool or spa.
6. An alarm that, when placed in a swimming pool or spa, will sound upon detection of accidental or unauthorized entrance into the water. The alarm shall meet and be independently certified to the ASTM F2208 "Standard Safety Specification for Residential Pool Alarms," which includes surface motion, pressure, sonar, laser, and infrared type alarms. A swimming protection alarm feature designed for individual use, including an alarm attached to a child that sounds when the child exceeds a certain distance or becomes submerged in water, is not a qualifying prevention safety feature.
7. Other means of protection, if the degree of protection afforded is equal to or greater than that afforded by any of the features above and has been independently verified by an approved testing laboratory as meeting standards for those features established by the ASTM or the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME).

**NOTE:**

If you are buying or selling a home, Senate Bill 442 also requires *home inspectors* to examine pools and spas and record in their reports which safety features, if any, are present when a home is sold.

Information deemed reliable but not guaranteed. Please check with your contractor, real estate agent, home inspector or other professional if you have questions about your pool or spa pertaining to the new 2018 SB 442 law.

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