NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS AND HOMEOWNERS

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Residential Swimming Pool Safety Act

Senate Bill 86, the Residential Swimming Pool Safety Act, mandates changes in responsibilities for contractors, homeowners and Building Departments.

The following information and attachments are provided as a guideline for the smooth implementation of the Act:

1) The requirements of the Act will apply only to permits obtained on or after October 1, 2000.

2) The Swimming Pool Safety Act affirmation form must be completed by the contractor and homeowner and attached to the permit application. An additional copy of the completed form is to be kept on the job site at all times.

3) All projects subject to the Act will be required to have at least one of the four safety requirements specified in FS 515.27.

4) Failure of a person to comply with the requirements of the Act shall be considered as a misdemeanor of the second degree, which may be punishable as provided in FS 775.082 to FS 775.083.

5) Definitions of the terms for “perimeter”; “sufficiently away from the water’s edge” and “direct access from the home” shall be those contained in the Building Officials Association of Florida “Guidelines for Implementation of the Residential Swimming Pool Safety Act.”
6) Color graphic representations of certain methods of compliance have been prepared by the Orange County Division of Building Safety as a convenience for contractors. These are merely educational tools and are neither suggestions nor requirements. The representations may be found on the Division of Building Safety website at www.ocfl.net/building.

7) Residential Swimming Pool Safety Act requirements are in addition to existing Orange County requirements enforcing the 2007 Florida Building Code with 2009 Amendments.

Any questions concerning this notice should be directed to Lonnie Bass, Deputy Chief Plans Examiner, at 407-836-5567.
RESIDENTIAL SWIMMING POOL
SAFETY AFFIRMATION

I, ____________________________________________, License # _________________________
(Please print contractor’s name)

hereby affirm that the pool will be isolated from access from within the dwelling AND from adjacent
properties by a barrier that meets the pool barrier requirements of Florida Statute 515.29 and
the 2007 Florida Building Code, Residential Section R4101.17.

Check the applicable barrier requirements from the following options and show on the site plan:

_______ The pool will be equipped with an approved safety pool cover that complies with ASTM
F 1346 (Standard Performance Specifications for Safety Covers for Swimming Pools,
Spas and Hot Tubs) per FBC R4101.17, Exception.

_______ The pool will be isolated from access by a mesh safety barrier that meets the
requirements of FBC R4101.17.1.15.

_______ The pool will be isolated from access by a screen enclosure that meets the
requirements of FBC R4101.17.1.11.

_______ The pool will be isolated from access by a fence and pedestrian gates that meet the
requirements of FBC R4101.1.1 through R4101.1.8.

Does any part of the barrier consist of dwelling walls which contain doors or windows?

Yes __________          No ___________

If “Yes,” then check which of the two options below are applicable:

_______ All doors and windows providing direct access from the dwelling to the pool will be equipped
with an exit alarm that meet the requirements of FBC R4101.17.1.9(1)
unless Exceptions a, b, or c apply

_______ All doors providing direct access from the dwelling to the pool will be equipped with self-
closing, self-latching devices installed 54” above the threshold that meet the requirements of
FBC R4101.17.1.9, Exception 2.

I understand that the above indicated shall be installed before the time of pool safety inspection
per FBC R4101.19.

________________________________    ______________________________
Contractor’s Signature                   Owner’s Signature

Owner’s Name (Please Print)

This completed form must be attached to the permit application, and a copy must be kept
at the job site at all times.

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* All doors and windows providing direct access from the home to the pool must be equipped with an exit alarm that has minimum sound pressure rating 85 dB at 10 feet.
*All doors providing direct access from the home to the pool must be equipped with a self-closing, self-latching device with a release mechanism placed no lower than 54 inches above the floor. All windows providing direct access from the home to the pool must be equipped with an exit alarm that has minimum sound pressure rating 85 dB at 10 feet.