

Stagnant Water

Swimming pool water must be kept clean and disinfected at all times. Appropriate use and storage of chemicals are required.

Violation of Pool Code

Any violation of the pool code can result in fines from \$150 up to \$500. If unsure about a violation, contact the Code Compliance Division of the Independence Health Department.

Code officers are authorized to enter exterior property areas which are generally visible to the public to make an inspection or to bring property into compliance. Code officers will not enter buildings or locked fenced areas without the owner/tenant's permission or other legal authorization.

For information regarding drainage of pools, call Water Pollution Control at (816) 325-7711.

For further information, call the Code Compliance Division at (816) 325-7193.

Have a safe swimming season.



City of Independence

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Protect the Ones You Love

Independence Swimming Pool Requirements



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Childhood Drowning

We all want to keep our children safe and secure. Knowing how to prevent leading causes of child injury, like drowning, is a step toward this goal. When most of us are enjoying time at the pool or beach, injuries aren't the first thing on our minds. Yet, reports show drowning is the leading cause of accidental death for young children ages 1 to 4, and that three children die every day as a result of drowning. Thankfully, parents can play a key role in protecting the children they love from drowning. Additionally, the City has enacted ordinances to ensure that swimming pools are used and enjoyed in a responsible manner that protects the health, safety and well-being of residents, guests and visitors to Independence.

Swimming Pool Code

Pool Fencing

Swimming pools which contain 12 inches or more of water at any point must meet the following requirements:

- Be completely enclosed by a 6-foot fence or other 6-foot high structure.
- Gates must be self-latching and inaccessible from the outside to small children.
- All fences on the premises shall be structurally sound and constructed of customary or normal fencing material.

Easy Set (soft sided and metal frame) pools are subject to the swimming pool code.



Appropriate fencing with pull-up stairs

Front or Side Yard

Private swimming pools shall not be located in a required front or side yard. Additionally, swimming pools shall be kept back at least:

- 7 feet away from any rear property line
- 5 feet away from side property lines.
- 10 feet away from any building/structure.

Required set-backs must be met on all pools.

Permits

No swimming pool designed to hold 5,000 gallons of water or more shall be installed or constructed until a permit has been obtained from the City of Independence, Community Development Department.