



Residential swimming pool safety in Quebec

The above, in ground and semi in ground enclosure must be

- Be at least 1.2 meters in height
- Prevent the passage of a spherical object 10 centimeters in diameter
- Have no fixture, projection or open parts enabling it to be climbed
- Be equipped with a self-closing and self-latching passive security device installed on the inside of the enclosure.
- A pool with supportive anchors must be surrounded by an enclosure
- A hedge or bushes do **NOT** constitute an enclosure.

Ladder or steps

- All in ground and semi in ground pools must be equipped with a ladder or steps for easy entry and exit.
- A new diving board standard «Residential Pools Equipped with a Diving Board» also applies and can be found on www.mapiscinesecuritaire.com

An enclosure is not required if the following conditions exist

- Wall height is at least 1.2 meters from the ground
- Portable (*inflatable*) wall is at least 1.4 meters from the ground
- There is a ladder equipped with a self-closing and self-latching safety gate preventing its use by children

Equipment

- In order to prevent children from climbing to gain access to the pool, every device linked to its operation (*such as heater or filter*) must be installed more than 1 meter from the pool wall or enclosure.
- The pipes linking the device to the pool must be flexible and must not facilitate climbing

Permit

- To ensure compliance with these standards, a permit issued by the local municipality is required to build, install or replace a swimming pool or to erect a construction allowing or preventing access to a swimming pool.
- It is the responsibility of the consumer to consult his municipality to validate the terms and conditions that apply.

References:

Residential Swimming Pool Safety Act

<http://www2.publicationsduquebec.gouv.qc.ca>