

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
HEALTH REGULATION AND LICENSING ADMINISTRATION**

Licensed Pool & Spa Barrier Assessment Checklist

Public Outdoor Pool/Spa Barriers

- Barrier Height: minimum 72" high
- Door Access: open away from the pool, self-closing, self-latching with the release mechanism a minimum of 54" from the floor
- Gate Type: open away from the pool area, self-closing, self-latching, lockable
- Latch Height:
 - Non-pool side: minimum 54" from the bottom of the gate
 - Pool side: 3" from the top of the gate
- Latch Area: no opening greater than ½" within 18" of the latch
- Ground Clearance:
 - Solid Ground: no more than 4" (ex. concrete)
 - Non-solid Ground: no more than 2" (ex. grass, gravel, etc.)
- Horizontal Members:
 - 45" apart or greater: vertical member spacing maximum of 4 inches with cutouts not exceeding 1¾"
 - Less than 45" apart: horizontal members must be pool side; vertical member and cutout spacing maximum of 1¾"
- Barrier Types:
 - Chain Link: maximum mesh size 1¼" or 1¾" if fastened slats present
 - Latticework: maximum opening size of 1¾"
 - Solid Wall: no indentations or protrusions excluding normal construction
 - Screened: lower 36" to be hardened

Semi-Public Pool/Spa Barriers (Hotel/Motel/Apartment/Condominium)

- Barrier Height: indoor minimum 48" high, outdoor minimum 72" high
- Door Access: open away from the pool, self-closing, self-latching with the release mechanism a minimum of 54" from the floor
- Gate Type: open away from the pool area, self-closing, self-latching, lockable
- Latch Height:
 - Non-pool side: minimum 54" from the bottom of the gate
 - Pool side: 3" from the top of the gate
- Latch Area: no opening greater than ½" within 18" of the latch

- Ground Clearance:
 - Solid Ground: no more than 4" (ex. concrete)
 - Non-solid Ground: no more than 2" (ex. grass, gravel, etc.)
- Horizontal Members:
 - 45" apart or greater: vertical member spacing maximum of 4 inches with cutouts not exceeding 1³/₄"
 - Less than 45" apart: horizontal members must be pool side; vertical member and cutout spacing maximum of 1³/₄"
- Barrier Types:
 - Chain Link: maximum mesh size 1¹/₄" or 1³/₄" if fastened slats present
 - Latticework: maximum opening size of 1³/₄"
 - Solid Wall: no indentations or protrusions excluding normal construction
 - Screened: lower 36" to be hardened

Above Ground Pools

- Barrier: Must meet the appropriate requirement for either public or semi-public
- Pool Wall: May be part of the barrier
- Ladders: Must be securable, lockable, removable, or enclosed by the barrier

Safety Covers

- Covers: must meet performance standards as set by the American Society for Testing and Materials in ASTM Standard F1346-91, *Standard Performance Specification for Safety Covers and Labeling Requirements for All Covers for Swimming Pools, Spas and Hot Tubs.*

Facility Name: _____

Facility Address: _____

Completed By: _____ Date: _____

Pool Safety Officer: _____ Date: _____

