

POOL ENCLOSURE STANDARDS

City of Brea Ordinance 311

City Ordinance 311, Section 5 allows for modification of the pool enclosure requirements stated in the Ordinance. As a result of the adoption of recent state regulations and changes in construction materials and practices since the adoption of this Ordinance in 1960 the city's existing pool enclosure requirements do not adequately address current industry standards. The following enclosure standards are intended to identify minimum requirements that will provide equal protection while providing for greater options available through current technology, materials and construction practices.

Every pool enclosure shall include the following:

- o At all points along the length of the enclosure facing away from the pool shall extend a minimum of 5 feet above the adjacent grade. All measurements shall be taken in the vertical plane immediately adjacent to the enclosure.
- o When the enclosure is constructed of more than one material at least one of the materials shall form a continuous vertical barrier of not less than 5 feet in height.
- o All gates designed to provide access for people and which form a part of the pool enclosure shall be of a height at least equal to the height of the enclosure. These gates shall be of a self-closing type hinged to swing away from the pool. A self-latching device shall be installed such that no part of the latch-activating device is less than 5 feet above grade on the non-pool side of the enclosure.
- o All gates which are not designed to provide access to people and inactive halves of double gates shall be secured and locked in such a manner that the gate cannot be moved except by authorized persons. The locking device shall prevent the gate securing mechanism from moving in any direction that will allow the gate to be opened while the locking device is in place. The locking device shall require a key or special knowledge to remove the locking device. These gates shall be kept in the closed and locked position except when the gate is actively being used in conjunction with a task that requires the extra gate width.
- o The maximum allowable space between the bottom of an enclosure, including gates and the adjacent ground is 2 inches measured vertically.
- o No gap or space between elements of the enclosure structure shall be of a size that will allow the passage of a 4 inch or larger sphere to pass through.
- o The enclosure shall be designed and constructed so that it cannot be readily climbed by small children. Openings in chain link shall not be greater than 1 ¾ inches measured horizontally.
- o The non-pool side of the enclosure shall not include any protrusions, cavities, material offsets, material changes or other physical characteristics that could provide handholds or footholds which might enable a child below the age of five years to climb over the enclosure.



- o When a building wall of an R-3 occupancy is used to create a portion of the enclosure and there are doors leading from the building into the enclosure the pool area must be provided with additional protection as required California Health and Safety Code Division 104, Part 10, Chapter 5, Article 2.5, Section 115922 (see City handout "Pool Safety Features.")