



## **TOWN OF AVON - BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

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### **Think safety first when installing a swimming pool**

**When the hot summer sun beats down, a swimming pool is very appealing. But because pools also are attractive and potentially dangerous to young children, Connecticut Building Code requires pools to be fenced and gated, and sometimes equipped with alarms.**

**If you are considering a swimming pool purchase, contact the Avon Building Department first to determine exactly what permits are needed and what code requirements you must meet. (Including but not limited to entrapment avoidance devices and systems for suction outlets and installation of a pool alarm.)**

**Inground and above ground pools, including inflatable pools capable of holding more than 24 inches of water, must be surrounded by a fence or other barrier at least four feet high. Gates in the fence must be self-closing and self-latching, additionally a temporary fence must be installed before inground pool construction begins.**

**If a home's wall serves as part of the swimming pool's barrier, doors that allow direct access to the pool must be equipped with an alarm.**

**These codes are in place for a reason. They are added safety measures to protect you and your guests from swimming pool accidents. As a pool owner, you are responsible for anyone in your pool.**

**Other things to consider when installing a pool include zoning requirements, electrical clearances, and utility easements. We also suggest contacting your insurance agent before installing a swimming pool. Most insurance companies require additional liability coverage.**