

Safer Pool Fencing Legislation Chart

Municipality	Requires 4-Sided Fencing	Specifies Self-Closing and Self-Latching Gate	Specifies Minimum Height of 1.2m (4 feet) (Minimum height exceeding 4 feet*)	Defines pool as having a water depth of at least 0.6m (2 feet) (Pool depth less than 2 feet*)	Includes in-ground, above ground and inflatable pools	Specifies fence construction that inhibits climbing (Includes model by-law measurements*)	Requires retrofitting of 4-sided fencing for existing pools
Canadian Municipal By-laws (Selected)							
City of Burnaby, BC By-law #11119	No	Yes	Yes*	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No
City of Nanaimo, BC By-law #7224	No	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	No
City of Vancouver, BC Vancouver Building By-law #1098	Yes ¹	Yes	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No
City of Victoria, BC By-law #93-112	Yes ¹	Yes	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No
City of Clarence-Rockland, ON By-law #2013-47	Yes ¹	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
City of Cornwall, ON By-law #040-2008	Yes ¹	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes*	No
Town of Dryden, ON By-law #3334-2006	No	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes	Yes*	Yes
Town of Hawkesbury, ON By-law #35-2013	No	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes	Yes*	No
City of Ottawa, ON By-law #2013-39	No	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

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City of Peterborough, ON By-law #591-1991	No	Yes	Yes	Yes*	No	Yes	No
Municipality of Port Hope, ON By-law #31/2006	No	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
City of Toronto, ON By-law #447-1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes*	No
City of Windsor, ON By-law #160-2010	Yes ¹	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes*	No
City of Woodstock, ON By-law #8365-07	Yes ¹	Yes	Yes*	No	No	Yes*	No
Township of Woolwich, ON By-law #52-2007	Yes ¹	Yes	Yes*	No	Yes	Yes*	Yes
Halifax Regional Municipality, NS By-law #S-700	No	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Cape Breton Regional Municipality, NS By-law #93-112	No	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Town of Bridgewater, NS Swimming Pool By-law Chapter 168	No	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
City of Corner Brook, NL Swimming Pool Regulations	No	Yes	Yes*	No	Yes	Yes	No

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City of St. John's, NL By-law #1464	No	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
City of Charlottetown, PE Zoning and Development By-law	No	No	Yes*	No	No	Yes	No
Town of Sussex, NB By law #1350-10	No	Yes	Yes*	No	Yes	Yes	No
Canadian Provincial Legislation							
Manitoba Manitoba Building Code s. 10	No	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Quebec Loi sur la sécurité des piscines résidentielles - L.R.Q., c. S-3.1.02, a. 1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
International Legislation							
Australia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes*	Yes
New Zealand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes*	Yes
France	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No

Endnotes

1 These by-laws do not specifically require 4-sided pool fencing. However, depending on how by-law enforcement officers interpret the by-law, these by-laws may in application require 4-sided fencing around private residential swimming pools.

For information purposes only. Please consult local authorities for further interpretation and current status.