

REPORT OF THE POOL SAFETY ISSUES AD HOC COMMITTEE

July 9, 2001

Orlando, Florida

The Pool Safety Issues Ad Hoc Committee met to consider the proposed changes to section 424.2, Private Swimming Pools, and unanimously approved the proposed changes as read with the following revisions:

- The definition of “Direct Access From The Home” was revised to remove the exception from the definition and move it to section 424.2.17.1.9. Three exceptions were added to section 424.2.17.1.9: 1) screened or protected windows with a bottom sill height of 48 inches or more measured from the interior finished floor at the pool access level; 2) windows facing the pool in stories above the first story; and 3) screened or protected pass-through kitchen windows 42 inches or higher with a counter beneath.
- The definition of “Pool Perimeter” was revised to remove the language: “(or other adjacent open space as determined by the Building Official).”
- The definition of “Sufficiently Away From The Water’s Edge” was revised to remove the sentence “Reasonable application presumes...or climbable”; to change the criteria of 3’ from the barrier to the water’s edge to 20”; and to move the language to section 424.2.17.1.13.
- The definition of “Swimming Pool” was revised to add the word “, Private” to the word defined.
- The definition of “Swimming Pool, Public” was revised to direct staff to add the definition from law, not reference it, and to locate the definition as most appropriate.
- The definition of “Swimming Pool, Residential” was revised to remove the language “That which is intended for non-commercial use” and insert “See Swimming Pool, Private”.
- Section 424.2.6.1 was revised to change the reference to ANSI/NSPI-4 from the ~~1992~~ edition to the current one, 1995, and fix ANSI/NSPI-5 1995.
- Section 424.2.17.1.2 was revised to delete the language “The barrier shall not be passable or climbable by a young child” and add the language from the Ch. 515.29.1.b, F.S.: “The barrier may not have any gaps, openings, indentations, protrusions, or structural components that could allow a young child to crawl under, squeeze through, or climb over the barrier.”
- Section 424.2.17.1.8 was revised to add the words “, when provided,” after “Access gates”, and to add the requirement for the latch to be 54" from the bottom of the gate back in to the section.
- Section 424.2.17.1.9.1 was revised to delete the words “(see definition)” after “direct access from the home” and to add language that would require the alarms to be either hard wired or of the plug-in type.
- Section 424.2.17.1.9.2 was revised to delete the words “(see definition)”.
- Section 424.2.17.1.11 was revised to add after “Standard screen enclosures” the language “which meet the requirements of section 424.2.17 are”.
- Section 424.2.17.1.14 was revised to add the words “direct from the home” to read as follows: “opens to provide direct access from the home to the swimming pool.”
- Section 424.2.17.3 was revised to add the words “from the home” after “access” and before “to the swimming pool”.