SB-442 CA State Pool Safety Act

What Does It All Mean?



State Department of Public Health EpiCenter Data

Drowning is the second leading cause of death for children one to four years of age.

Effective January 2018 a new law signed by California Governor Jerry Brown was enacted (SB 442) that affects every Pool and Spa owner in the state of California. All new and remodeled pools and spas will be required to have 2 of the 7 child protective safety barriers. Existing pools and spas are not required to add the additional safety barriers. However, the bill requires, when a private single family home is transfered and the home has a swimming pool, spa or hot tub any home inspection performed on the property shall identify which of 7 specified drowning safety features are present. Buyers, sellers and inspectors cannot opt out of this reporting, even if a separate pool inspection is performed.

DEFINITION

"Swimming Pool" or "Pool" means any structure intended for swimming or recreational bathing that contains water over 18 inches deep.

"Swimming pool" includes in-ground and above ground structures and includes, but is not limited to, hot tubs, spas, portable spas, and non-portable wading pools.







MEET 2 OF 7 APPROVED SAFETY FEATURES

- Enclosure
- Mesh Fencing
- Approved Pool Safety Cover
- Exit Alarms
- Self Closing/Latching Door Devices
- Pool Alarm
- Other Means of Protection



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