

# Umbare Pools - Safety Information

## Ensuring Safety and Compliance with Florida Building and OSHA Codes in Lakewood Ranch and Sarasota

At Umbare Pools, safety is our top priority. We adhere to stringent safety protocols in line with Florida building codes and OSHA regulations to ensure the well-being of our construction crews, homeowners, and the general public in the Lakewood Ranch and Sarasota areas. This includes taking necessary measures such as shutting down sidewalks and redirecting traffic to prevent injuries and reduce liability.

### Authority to Shut Down Sidewalks and Redirect Traffic

As a licensed contractor in Lakewood Ranch and Sarasota, Umbare Pools has the authority to implement safety measures that may include closing sidewalks and redirecting traffic. This authority is supported by Florida building codes and OSHA regulations, which prioritize safety over convenience.

### Key Regulations Supporting Our Safety Measures:

1. **Florida Building Code:** The Florida Building Code provides comprehensive guidelines for construction safety. For more details, visit the [Florida Building Code website](#).
2. **OSHA Regulations:** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) sets national standards for workplace safety. Our safety protocols are fully compliant with OSHA regulations. More information can be found on the OSHA Construction Standards and OSHA Safety and Health Regulations.

### Justification for Sidewalk Closures and Traffic Redirection

1. **Preventing Injuries:** Closing sidewalks and redirecting traffic during construction in Lakewood Ranch and Sarasota prevents injuries to pedestrians and non-construction personnel. This proactive measure reduces the risk of accidents and ensures a safer environment.
2. **Construction Activity:** Pool building involves heavy equipment driving back and forth, digging, and hauling away soil. This creates a hazardous environment that is not suitable for non-construction personnel or sidewalk use. Almost every project involves crossing over a sidewalk to access the back of the house, necessitating sidewalk closures for safety.
3. **Site Management:** We maintain debris containers and portable restrooms on-site, usually confined within designated areas, further adhering to OSHA regulations by providing these essential items.
4. **Reducing Liability:** By adhering to safety protocols, we minimize liability for homeowners, HOAs, and everyone involved in the project. Ensuring that only authorized personnel are on-site during construction mitigates the risk of potential lawsuits and claims.

5. **Traffic Management:** Redirecting traffic and blocking streets, when necessary, ensures that construction zones are free from external interference, allowing our crews to work efficiently and safely.

## Supporting Documents

To help you communicate our safety measures to your HOA in Lakewood Ranch and Sarasota, we have provided links to relevant codes and regulations:

- [Florida Building Code](#)
- [OSHA Construction Standards - 1926](#)
- [OSHA Safety and Health Regulations - 1910](#)

## Additional Details

- **Temporary Signage:** We will install clear and visible signage to inform the public of any sidewalk closures or traffic redirections. We make it clear by blocking the sidewalk with construction cones and/or caution tape, ensuring there is no passage and the area is understood to be off-limits.
- **Safety Barriers:** Proper barriers and fencing will be used to secure the construction site, preventing unauthorized access.
- **Coordination with Local Authorities:** We work closely with local authorities in Lakewood Ranch and Sarasota to ensure all safety measures are compliant with municipal regulations and to facilitate smooth traffic management.

## Conclusion

Umbare Pools is committed to maintaining the highest standards of safety and compliance in Lakewood Ranch and Sarasota. By following Florida building codes and OSHA regulations, we ensure a secure construction environment that protects everyone involved. Our authority to close sidewalks and redirect traffic is a crucial aspect of our safety protocol, reducing liability and preventing injuries.

For more information or to discuss any concerns, please contact Umbare Pools at 941-777-1250 or email us at [Contact@umbarepools.com](mailto:Contact@umbarepools.com).