



Pool Alarm Requirements

Every swimming pool that is installed, constructed, or substantially modified after December 14, 2006 must be equipped with an approved pool alarm that:

- is capable of detecting a child entering the water and giving an audible alarm when it detects a child entering the water;
- is audible poolside and at another location on the premises where the swimming pool is located;
- is installed, used, and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer’s instruction;
- is classified to reference standard ASTM F2208, entitled *Standard Specification for Pool Alarms* (either the version adopted in 2002 and editorially corrected in June 2005, or the version adopted in 2007); and
- is not an alarm device which is located on person(s) or which is dependent on device(s) located on person(s) for its proper operation.

A pool alarm must be capable of detecting entry into the water at any point on the surface of the swimming pool. If necessary to provide detection capability at every point on the surface of the swimming pool, more than one pool alarm must be installed.

Pool alarms are *not* required in:

- a hot tub or spa equipped with a safety cover classified to reference standard ASTM F 1346 (2003), entitled *Standard Performance Specification for Safety Covers and Labeling Requirements for All Covers for Swimming Pools, Spas, and Hot Tubs*, or
- any swimming pool (other than a hot tub or spa) equipped with an automatic power safety cover classified to reference standard ASTM F1346 (2003).