

B.O.C.A. Pool Safety Code Information

******NOTE: The following information is intended as a general overview of pool safety codes and may not apply to your specific application. It is vital that before ordering, you check you local laws and regulations as they may vary from the B.O.C.A. standards. We cannot be responsible if the fence you order does not meet your local codes.******

The Building Officials and Code Administrators (B.O.C.A.) outline contains safety measures for swimming pool fences. Many communities have adopted these standards in an effort to minimize and, hopefully, eliminate accidental drowning of children.

The most important items are these:

- The fence must be at least 48" tall
- The minimum space between the lowermost top rail and the bottom rail must be at least 45". So some fence styles, if chosen, may have to be taller than 48"
- The spacing between pickets must be less than 4"
- The space between the bottom rail and the ground must be less than 4"
- The gate(s) must be self-closing
- The gate(s) must be self-latching
- The gate(s) need to open out (away from the pool area)
- The opening mechanism of the latch must be at least 54" above ground

The UAB-400 and UAB-200 Pool fences we offer meet all these standards, as manufactured, as long as they are installed less than 4" above the ground.

The UAF-200 and UAF-250 Residential fences can be modified as flush bottom (Bottom rail moved down flush with the bottom of the pickets). However, even with these changes, these styles need to be 54" or taller.

To meet these codes, any spear top style must be at least 60" tall.

We offer Tru•Close hinges making gates self-closing and Magna•Latch latches, making gates self-latching.

For more information on childhood drowning prevention, contact the Consumer Product Safety Commission by calling 1(800) 638-2772 or write to Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington DC 20207 and ask for Publication No. 362. Information is also available by visiting their web site: <http://search.cpsc.gov>.

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