



Pool Enclosures

Title 24 Section 3118B Enclosure of Pool Area.

3118B.1 Enclosure. The pool shall be enclosed by one or a combination of the following: a fence, wall, portion of a building, or other approved durable enclosure. Doors, openable windows, or gates of living quarters or associated private premises shall not be permitted as part of the pool enclosure. The enclosure, doors and gates shall meet all of the following specifications:

1. The enclosure shall have a minimum effective perpendicular height of 5 feet as measured from the outside as depicted in Figures 31B-4 and 31B-5.
2. Openings, holes or gaps in or under the enclosure, doors and/or gates shall not allow the passage of a 4-inch diameter sphere. The enclosure shall be constructed over concrete or other hard and permanent material.
3. The enclosure shall be designed and constructed so that it cannot be readily climbed by small children. Horizontal and diagonal member designs, which might serve as a ladder for small children, are prohibited. Horizontal members shall be spaced at least 48 inches apart. Planters or other structures shall not be permitted to encroach upon the clear span area as depicted in Figure 31B-5. Chain link may be used provided that the openings are not greater than 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches measured horizontally.

3118B.2 Gates. Gates and doors opening into the pool enclosure shall also meet the following specifications:

1. Gates and doors shall be equipped with self-closing and self-latching devices. The self-latching device shall keep the gate or door securely closed. Gates and doors shall open outward away from the pool except where otherwise prohibited by law. Hand activated door or gate-opening hardware shall be located at least 3 1/2 feet above the deck or walkway.
2. Gates and doors shall be capable of being locked during times when the pool is closed. Exit doors which comply with Chapter 10 shall be considered as meeting these requirements.

EXCEPTION: Doors leading from areas of hotels and motels, as defined in the Business and Professions Code Section 25503.16(b), which are open to the general public, e.g., restaurants, lobbies, bars, meeting rooms, and retail shops need not be self-latching.

3. The pool enclosure shall have at least one means of egress without a key for emergency purposes. Unless all gates or doors are so equipped, those gates and/or doors which will allow egress without a key shall have a sign in letters at least 4 inches high stating "EXIT".
4. The enclosure shall be constructed so that all persons will be required to pass through common pool enclosure gates or doors in order to gain access to the pool area. All gates and doors exiting the pool area shall open into a public area.

Figure 31B-4

Perpendicular Fencing Dimensions
On Sloping Ground

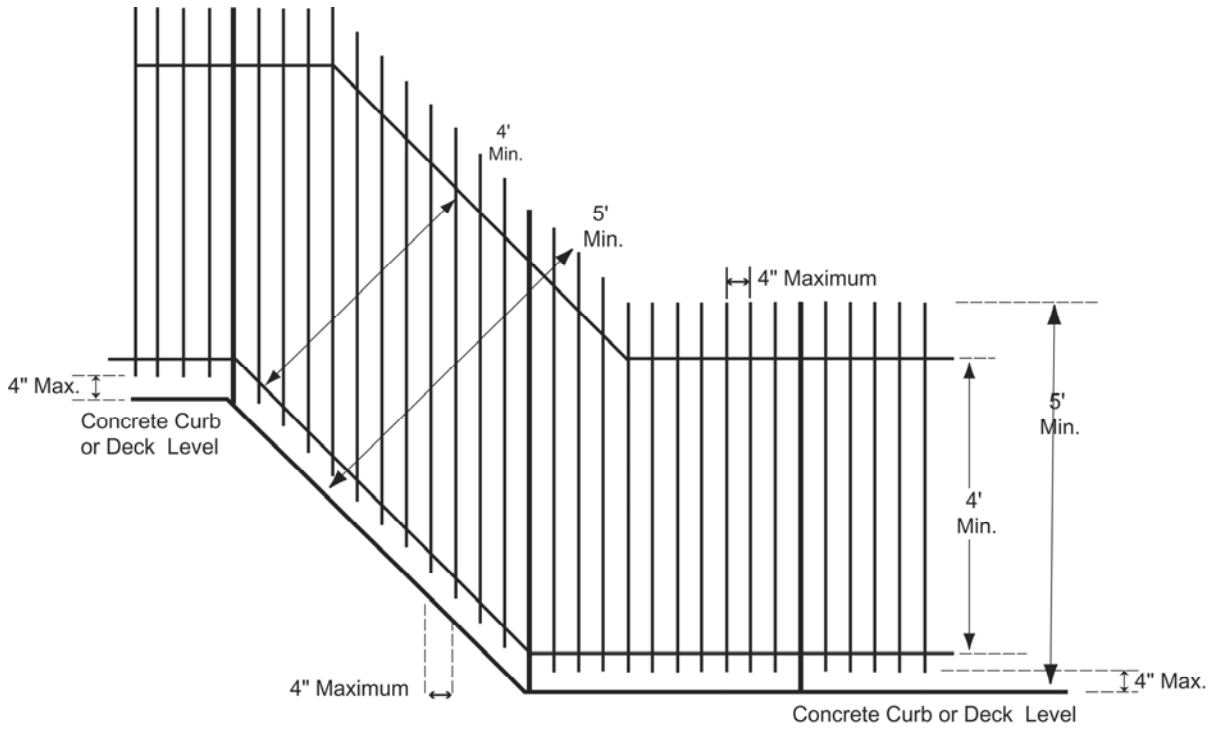


Figure 31B-5

Effective Fencing Height

