



Building Permits & Inspection Division

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Dear Pool Owner,

Congratulations on your new pool! Swimming should be both fun and safe. To help keep your pool as safe as possible, especially for young children in your family or neighborhood, this packet of important safety information was developed to answer many of your questions about pool safety and local laws. County of Sacramento Building Inspectors assures that each new pool that is built complies with specific codes and it meets our County safety barrier requirements as described in an included handout. Do not disable or remove any of the safety devices.

Please take a moment to review the enclosed information with your family members.

This packet contains:

- **9 Myths of Drowning** – An informational document for pool owners.
- **Protect Your Pool; Kids or No Kids** – A pool safety document provided by the Safe Kids Greater Sacramento Coalition.
- **Pool Barriers for Drowning Prevention** – A document with detailed information on pool barriers as required by the Sacramento County Code (SCC), Chapter 16.36 Swimming Pool Code, Article 1.
- **Water Watcher Tag Kit** – A sign and a whistle to be worn by an adult responsible for guarding the pool while children are present in the yard. Keep the tag on a hook near your pool as a reminder to use it every time children are in the yard. Provided by the Safe Kids Greater Sacramento Coalition.

Because of the importance of avoiding the tragedy of childhood drownings, the County of Sacramento Board of Supervisors have required that pools are fenced with self-closing and self-latching gates since 1976. In addition to those requirements, the Board has since strengthened the law to include an additional secondary barrier (or means of separation) between the pool and the house. Please review the enclosed information identifying the requirements (laws) that you should continue to comply with.

Please remember that while pool barriers help prevent young children from getting into the pool, they should never take the place of adult supervision. Young children should never be left alone in or around the pool, not even for a moment. Again, we request that you review the enclosed important drowning prevention information and take appropriate measures to help keep your pool as safe as possible. Should you have any questions about Sacramento County pool requirements, please contact Building Inspection at (916) 875-5296.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Logsdon, Building Official
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