

CHANGES TO POOL REGULATIONS

CONTEXT

Residential swimming pools, whether above-ground, in-ground or even removable, pose a significant risk of drowning in young children, particularly when they escape adult supervision, and the facilities are not adequately secured.

New applicable standards concerning the safety of residential swimming pools following the revision of the regulations by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MAMH). As of July 1, 2021, the Residential Pool Safety Regulations will apply to all pools, regardless of their installation date. Owners of such equipment built before November 1, 2010 who have until now been grandfathered have until July 1, 2023 to comply.

TARGETED POOLS

The By-law applies to all outdoor residential pools that can hold 60 cm of water or more, whether in-ground, semi-inground, above-ground or removable (inflatable or otherwise).

The Regulation does not apply:

- Spas, except those that can hold more than 2,000 liters of water;
- To natural bodies of water;
- Water gardens and other decorative pools that are not intended for swimming

PERMIT APPLICATION

A permit is required to install a swimming pool or to build an enclosure as well as a platform or a terrace giving access to a swimming pool. Municipal regulations will be aligned with those of the MAMH. Owners and future buyers of swimming pools are invited to consult the information documents on the website to find out about the regulations to be observed.

To consult the summary document of the regulations' standards for citizens: Mamh.gouv.qc.ca