



Residential Pools

Residential pools are more and more popular and affordable. The practice of bathing and swimming, in addition to being a recreational activity refreshing, brings many health benefits.

The town of Temiscaming is however concerned with the risk of drowning associated with these pools, especially for young children.

According to the Lifesaving Society - Quebec Division, drowning is the second leading cause of accidental death among children after traffic accidents. It appears that the primary cause of drowning for children relies on the easy access to the pool.

Therefore, it is one of the reasons that the town of Temiscaming regulates, within its existing zoning bylaw #427, article 19.4.8, the installation of swimming pools.

"Article 19.4.8, bylaw #427: Swimming pools may be located on the side and in the backyards. Every pool shall be installed or constructed to a minimum distance of 2.0 meters from any lot line.

Any pool that any of its parts has a depth of more than 50.0 inches will need to be surrounded by a wall or fence at least 1.22 meters tall. The fence or wall shall be equipped with an automatic door locks. In the case of an above ground pool or partly above-ground and partly in the ground, the walls of the pool can be use as a fence, as long as they have the proper height or can be extended to the height mentioned above and that the pool is equipped with a removable ladder. "

(This is a transcript; the full text of the regulation adopted prevails as well as the French version.)