



**THE DISTRICT OF COLDSTREAM  
BUILDING INSPECTION DEPARTMENT**

**SWIMMING POOL REGULATIONS**

1. A building permit is required for a swimming pool prior to its installation or construction. Every application for a building permit for a pool shall be accompanied with a plan showing the location and dimensions of the proposed pool and the location of all buildings on the site.
2. Every swimming pool, hot tub, spa, fish pond, wading or lap pool shall be surrounded by a fence, building or other structure, no less than 1.2 metres (4 feet) in height above grade. The fence shall be constructed in such a manner as to render the pool, spa or pond secure from unauthorized entry. The fence shall have no openings greater than 100 mm (4 inches) between grade and the top of the fence and shall be built so that no attachment between 100 mm and 900 mm (between 4 inches and 35 inches) will facilitate climbing. All access to a pool, spa or pond shall be operated by a self-closing mechanism and latch mounted on the pool side of each access through the fence, building or other structure, a minimum of 1 metre (3.25 feet) above grade.
3. A spa or hot tub may be covered with a locking cover which is designed to prevent unauthorized access to the water in lieu of a fence.
4. It is the responsibility of each owner or occupier of property on or in which a pool is located, to maintain every fence required under item 2. above in good order. All sagging gates, loose parts, torn mesh, missing materials, worn latches, locks, or broken or binding members shall be promptly replaced or repaired.
5. Setbacks shall be in accordance with the District of Coldstream Zoning Bylaw No. 1382, as amended or re-enacted from time to time.
6. Pressure-reducing valves and a backflow prevention device shall be installed in accordance with the requirements of the *Building Code*.