City of Newport Beach - Building Department

BUILDING CODE POLICY

Effective Date	Subject	Policy No.
September 14, 2001	Above Ground Spa Safety Cover	NBMC 15.09.030

Health and safety code (HSC), Section 115922 requires that "swimming pools" which includes above ground spas deeper than 18" to be equipped with a pool safety feature. Therefore, while a building permit is not required for above ground prefabricated spa of capacity less than 5,000 gallons, a safety cover which complies with performance standards of ASTM F1346-92 shall be required in conjunction with issuing plumbing and/or electrical permits for connecting the spa.

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