

ARTICLE III. SWIMMING POOLS

Sec. 22-61. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Fence means a close-type vertical barrier not less than four feet in height above ground surface. A woven steel wire, chain link, picket or solid board type fence or a fence of similar construction that will prevent the smallest of children from getting through shall be construed as within this definition.

Swimming pool means any outdoor manmade structure constructed from material other than natural earth or soil designed or used to hold water for the purpose of providing a swimming or bathing place for any person or any such structure for the purpose of impounding water therein to a depth of more than two feet.

(Code 1979, § 14-27)

Cross reference—Definitions generally, § 1-2.

Sec. 22-62. Fencing required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to construct, maintain, use, possess or control any swimming pool on any property in the town without having completely around such swimming pool a fence as defined in section 22-61. Every gate in such fence shall be capable of being securely fastened at a height of not less than four feet above ground level, and it shall be unlawful for any such gate to be allowed to remain unfastened while the pool is not in use. Such fence shall be constructed so as to come within two inches of the ground at the bottom and shall be at least five feet from the edge of the pool at any point.

(Code 1979, § 14-28)

State law reference—Authority for above section, Code of Virginia, § 15.2-921

Sec. 22-63. Penalty.

Violation of this article shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$300.00 or confinement in jail for not more than 30 days, either or both.