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Purpose: This document clarifies the accessibility requirements for detectable warnings at pools.

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Subject(s): Accessibility, pools, detectable warning; Swimming pool; Reflecting pool; Spa; Wading pool

BC section 1109.9.3 states:

“1109.9.3 Detectable warnings at pools. The edges of pools shall be provided with detectable warnings.”

For the purpose of this section, the Department interprets “pools” to include reflecting pools or similar decorative pools without physical barriers to prevent accidental encroachment into the pools. Reflecting pools and similar decorative pools without physical barriers must have detectable warnings as per BC section 1109.9.3 to prevent accidental encroachment into such pools.

The edges of swimming pools, spa, wading pools, and other pools in which occupants and/or the general public are expected or permitted to engage in swimming, bathing, therapeutic or other physical activities are not required to have detectable warnings.