



## **Houston Department of Health and Human Services**

### **Swimming pool laws and safety**

Private, semi-public and public swimming pools and spas are required by City of Houston Municipal Code of Ordinances to be maintained in a manner that promotes safety for recreational use and poses no public health risks to neighboring residents or the community.

The basic requirements for swimming pools and spas are as follows:

- the pool or spa must have a fence with a minimum height of 48 inches with no gaps that would allow a 4 inch ball to pass through.
- the gate(s) must be self latching and closing.
- the water clarity such that the main drain on the bottom of the pool in the deep end is visible.

Swimming pools and spas that are improperly maintained can be reported to the **Houston Department of Health and Human Services, Environmental Health Division** at 713-640-4399.

### **For more information**

<http://www.ci.houston.tx.us/departme/health/phepage.html>