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Section 424.1.3.2 Bridges and overhead obstructions.

Question:

Q-Does the general code govern or is there simply no height requirement for a private pool overhead obstruction? The residential code makes no mention of bridges over private swimming pool. The general code requires a minimum clearance of 48" above the water line and 96" above the bottom of the pool.

Answer

This code section is for public swimming pools and does not apply to residential. The residential code is silent.

Commentary:

Although the residential code is silent on this issue, section 101.2.2 of the Florida Building Code 2010 Model Chapter One (BOAF) states "Florida Building Code standards or practices which are not covered by Florida Building Code, Residential volume shall be in accordance with the provisions of Florida Building Code, Building." This section may apply if your local jurisdiction has adopted the referenced Model Chapter One. Check with the local Building Official.

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