



**Informal Interpretation Report
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Section 4101.17.1

Question:

Is it the intent of section 4101.17.1 to allow a removable child barrier circled around the entire pool as the only barrier?

Answer

Yes, provided ALL the provisions of Section R4101, including Sections R4101.17.1.2 requiring one end to be removable by the use of tools and R4101.17.1.15, are satisfied.

Commentary:

The Code provides a minimum requirement deemed necessary for the protection of people and property. The requirements, when adhered to, generally assure an installation that should remain safe and serviceable. If criteria or parameters change following an inspection for compliance, the owner is then responsible for any modifications that are made. It has been stated many times, an inspection is a "snapshot in time" and does not represent what happens afterward.

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