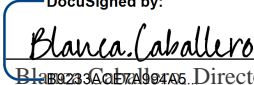




SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT

SPS-WW-2015-003

Substantive Policy Statement Title:	SPS Number: WW-2015-003
Use of Procedures to Determine Pool Gate Latch height	Adoption Date: 05/13/2015
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Approved By:  <small>Blanca Caballero, Director</small>	11/27/2023 Date

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I. Substantive Policy Statement (SPS) Purpose:

To clarify the procedure to determine the requirements for swimming pool gate latch heights.

II. Statutory Overview:

ADA Standards for Accessibility Design
 Maricopa County Environmental Health Code (MCEHC)

III. SPS:

- A. If a latch is installed and there are no locking mechanisms, then the latch must comply with the requirements of the Pool Code and be located 54 inches or higher above the ground/floor.
- B. If a latch is installed at a height of at least 54 inches and the gate is self-closing and self-latching, the gate complies with the Pool Code latch requirements regardless of whether any additional locking mechanisms are



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present.

- C. If a self-locking mechanism is installed and there is no latch at 54 inches or above, the bottom of the unlocking mechanism must be located as close as is practicable to 48 inches above the ground/floor. In addition, a variance must be obtained to allow the locking mechanism to vary from the Pool Code's 54-inch latch height requirement. Variance requests for this purpose shall be routed as direct appeals to the Director.

IV. SPS New Document/Revision Statement

SPS-WW-2015-003 is a new SPS with a May 13, 2015, effective date.

V. Contact Us:

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