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### **Pool/Spa and Hot tub Alarm Certification\***

The California Uniform Building Code requires that where a wall of a Group R, Division 3 Occupancy dwelling unit serves as part of the pool/spa barrier, and contains door openings between the dwelling unit and the outdoor swimming pool which provide direct access to the pool, a separation fence shall be provided.

When approved by the building official, one of the following may be used:

1. Self-closing and self-latching devices installed on all doors with direct access to the pool, with the release mechanism located a minimum of 54 inches above the floor.
2. An alarm installed on all doors with direct access to the pool. The alarm shall sound continuously for a minimum of 30 seconds immediately after the door and screen, if present, are opened, and be capable of providing a sound pressure level of not less than 85 dBA when measured indoors at 10 feet. The alarm shall automatically reset under all conditions. The alarm system shall be equipped with a manual means, such as a touch pad or switch, to temporarily deactivate the alarm for a single opening. Such deactivation shall last no longer than 15 seconds. The deactivation switch shall be located at least 54 inches above the threshold of the door.
3. The pool is equipped with an approved safety pool cover. (Cover must meet ASTM standard F1346-91)
4. Enclosure that isolates a swimming pool from access to the home that meet the following criteria:
  - (a) Any access gates through the enclosure open away from the swimming pool, and are self-closing with a self-latching device placed no lower than 60 inches above the ground.
  - (b) A minimum height of 60 inches.
  - (c) A maximum vertical clearance from the ground to the bottom of the enclosure of two inches.
  - (d) Gaps or voids, if any, do not allow passage of a sphere equal to or greater than four inches diameter.
  - (e) An outside surface free of protrusions, cavities, or other physical characteristics that would serve as handholds or footholds that could enable a child below the age of five years to climb over.

I hereby certify that I am the responsible party at and have provided the following exception number \_\_\_\_\_.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Job Address \_\_\_\_\_

\*In addition to the state requirements, pools must have enclosures that meet local city ordinances.