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**Topic:** Self-set swimming pool with 48 inch wall height

This document is to answer the question whether a self-set or quick-set swimming pool (not rigid metal walls) with 48 inch or more wall height meets the requirements of section AG105.2 of Appendix G of the *Residential Code of New York State (RCNYS)* as a barrier.

NO. Section AG105.2 states in part:

*An outdoor swimming pool, including an in-ground, aboveground or on-ground pool, hot tub or spa shall be provided with a **barrier** ...*

The term "barrier" is defined as "A fence, wall, building wall or combination thereof which completely surrounds the swimming pool and obstructs access to the swimming pool."

Although the self-set pool has a 48 inch wall, it does not obstruct access because it is not rigid. The wall can easily be deflected by a child who grabs the top inflated ring.

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