

STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. I-17-08

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The following is offered in response to your email dated August 27, 2008 in which you seek a formal interpretation. This question would apply to Section AG105.2, of the 2003 International Residential Code portion of the 2005 State Building Code, which applies to swimming pools, hot tubs and spas at detached one and two family dwellings or which are for the exclusive use of residents and guests at a one family townhouse.

Question: Based on the manufacturer's product specification for strength and installation instructions, can deer fencing be used as a barrier for a pool?

Answer: A barrier's purpose is to restrict access to swimming pools, spas and hot tubs. The deer fencing product submitted along with the manufacturer's product specification installation instructions does not demonstrate deer fencing as a code compliant barrier.

Note: The above interpretation also applies to the provisions of Section 3109.4, of the 2003 International Building Code portion of the 2005 State Building Code, which applies to swimming pools, wading pools, hot tubs and spas at other than detached one and two family dwellings and to such pools, etc. when they serve townhouse complexes.