

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Fencing and School Facilities-CA Code
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Hi Brooke,

You are correct that it is for new school construction. As such, it is not required. However, the school administration can decide to do certain things that are not required to ensure the safety for the students and staff.

You can see by the brief statement on fencing in Title 5, that there are not a lot of details about what type of fence, height, or any other specifics.

If the school administration decides to install a fence, they will have to consider different issues that will affect the specific requirements of a fence – type, height, location, locking, location of gates, etc. – as they pertain to local conditions. A school located in an urban area with gang violence, may choose to make solid walls surrounding the play area. A suburban school may choose to have a tall chain link fence around playfields to ensure that balls don't fly out into the street.

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Hi Diane!

Yes, I found Title 5. However this seems to refer to new construction? When was this written? Our school was built in 1961-does this apply now?

I am the Chair of the Safety Committee so I am looking into this for the school site as a whole. The pool has a very nice fence per code(s)! The school is not so lucky with chain-link...



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Dear Ms. King,

I may be able to answer your questions regarding fencing. I tried to call you, but my call went to voicemail and your voicemail box is full.

Here are the regulations and laws that I think may help you.

The California Department of Education regulations, California Code of Regulations Title 5 section 14030 paragraph f. subparagraph 6 addresses proving fencing around schools for security.

[Title 5, California Code of Regulations - School Facility Design \(CA Dept of Education\)](#)

Since you are an aquatic director, is your question regarding fencing around a pool?

[Bill Text - SB-442 Public health: pools: drownings. \(ca.gov\)](#)

[Pool Fence Laws California: All You Need to Know \(swimmingpooldaily.com\)](#)

Feel free to clarify your question if I haven't addressed it.

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