



Buncombe County Health and Human Services

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Pool Lighting Requirements for Night Time Use of Pool Enclosure

As of October 4, 2017, Session Law 2017-209 (House Bill 56) became law. The law requires that any pool, including amenities within the pool enclosure, that is open after dark to have sufficient lighting to illuminate the pool main drains and required deck area so they are visible at all times the pool is in use.

If you indicate on your application that your pool will be open after sunset, you must request a visit be made by your inspector, prior to permitting, to ensure that all parts of the pool are properly illuminated and visible, including:

- Main drains
- Entire pool floor
- Depth markers
- Signs
- Entrances
- Restrooms
- Safety equipment
- Emergency phone
- Required deck area (5'-8' from water edge depending on pool size)
- Walkways

Once all requirements are met, your pool permit will be conditioned to indicate night swimming is allowed. If requirements are not met, the permit will be conditioned to indicate night swimming is not allowed.

If you have any questions or concerns about these requirements, please contact our office at (828) 250-5016 or by email at EHRequest@buncombecounty.org.

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