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## Ground-fault Circuit Interrupters - Assembly Bill 2697

In 1997, the State Assembly passed legislation that added Section 116049.1 to the California Health and Safety Code. This law requires that all public pools with underwater lights be inspected to insure the lights are protected by a functioning ground-fault circuit interrupter (GFCI). In addition, it provides that a GFCI be installed on all pools where underwater lights are not so protected. A ground-fault circuit interrupter is a electrical device which protects pool users from electrocution in the event there is a fault in the pool light electrical system.

The inspection can be performed by any California licensed contractor with a valid A, B, C-10, C-53 or C-61/D35 license or by an inspector from a local building department, if they provide this type of inspection.

Section 116049.1 of the Health and Safety Code reads as follows:

- "Public swimming pool," as used in this section, means any swimming pool operated for the use of the general public with or without charge, or for the use of the members and guests of a private club, including any swimming pool located on the grounds of a hotel, motel, inn, an apartment complex, or any residential setting other than a single-family home. For purposes of this section, public swimming pool shall not include a swimming pool located on the grounds of a private single-family home.
- The design and installation of all underwater lighting systems, operating at more than 15 volts, supplied from a branch circuit either directly or by way of a transformer, shall be installed in a public swimming pool, as defined in this section, so that there is no shock hazard with any likely combination of fault conditions during normal use, and shall comply with both of the following requirements:
  - An approved ground-fault circuit interrupter shall be installed in the branch circuit that supplies all fixtures operating at more than 15 volts.
  - Only approved underwater lighting fixtures shall be used and no lighting fixtures shall be installed for operations at more than 150 volts between conductors.
- Any public swimming pool that does not meet the requirements specified in subdivision (b), shall be retrofitted to comply with these requirements by May 1, 1999.
- The ground-fault circuit interrupter required pursuant to this section shall comply with standards acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction.
- The owner or operator of a public swimming pool shall on or before May 1, 1999, comply with both of the following: (1) Obtain an inspection of its public swimming pool by the local health officer or a qualified contractor as set forth in subdivision (f). (2) Certify to the local health officer as set forth in Section 116053 that the public swimming pool facility is in compliance with this section.
- All electrical work required for compliance with this section shall be performed by a person licensed to perform electrical work within his or her general, specialty, or limited specialty contractor's licensed scope of practice pursuant to Section 7059 of the Business and Professions Code.
- This section shall be known and may be cited as the Yasmin Paleso Memorial Swimming Pool Safety Law.

To comply with the law do the following:

- A GFCI form can be found at the bottom of this page. You can also obtain a blank form by calling our office at (626) 430-5360. The top box is for information on the pool and pool site. The middle box is for information on the owner/operator of the pool and the bottom box is for the contractor to

fill out. Fill out the top two boxes and have your contractor fill out the bottom box. If you had the building department make the inspection, attach a copy the inspection report.

- Have a California state licensed contractor holding a valid A, B, C-10, C-53 or C-61/D35 license inspect your pool for compliance with the California Health and Safety Code, Section 116049.1. This inspection can also be performed by your local building department if they offer this type of inspection.
- If your pool does not have a ground-fault circuit interrupter or it is not functioning properly or if the pool light is broken, missing or in need of repair, have your contractor make the necessary installation or repairs. Be sure your contractor takes out the necessary permits from the local building department.
- If the pool does not have a pool light fixture, indicate this on the enclosed form. Indicating there is no pool light means there is no light fixture, light housing, light casing, or recessed light niche within the confines of the pool shell. If the pool has a light housing in the wall of the pool, it must be repaired regardless of condition.
- Mail the form and documentation to :  
*Los Angeles County, Department of Health Services  
Recreational Waters Program GFCI  
5050 Commerce Dr  
Baldwin Park, CA 91706*



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**VERIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE,  
SECTION 116049.1 (a-g)**

<p>Site address of pool(s) _____</p> <p>City _____ Zip _____</p> <p>Name of site _____</p> <p>Number of swimming pools, spa pools, wading pools or special purpose pools at the site _____</p>
<p>I verify that I am the owner/home owner association president/legally responsible person for the above named pool(s) and that I have had the pool(s) inspected for compliance with Section 116049.1 (a-g) of the California Health and Safety Code.</p> <p>Print Name _____ Date _____</p> <p>Signature _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____ St _____ Zip _____</p> <p>Telephone (_____) _____</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>There is no pool light in this/these pool(s). Indicating there is no pool light means there is no light fixture, light casing, or recessed light niche, whether working or not working, within the confines of the pool shell. Non-functioning lights must be repaired.</b></p>
<p>I certify I am a licensed contractor in the state of California, holding a valid A, B, C-10, C-53 or C-61/D35 license. I have inspected the above named pool(s) and they comply with the requirements in Section 116049.1 (a-g) of the California Health and Safety Code regarding ground-fault circuit interrupters.</p> <p>Print Name _____ Date _____</p> <p>Signature _____ License No. _____</p> <p>Type _____</p> <p>Company Name _____ Phone _____</p> <p>_(_____) _____</p>

**Send all completed forms and information to the inspector indicated on the first page of this notice or to:**

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