

Minneapolis Building Safety Month

May 2012 Week four: **Backyard Safety**



Minneapolis Construction Code Services

Plan Review and Building Inspections are charged with protecting the public safety through application and enforcement of the building code.

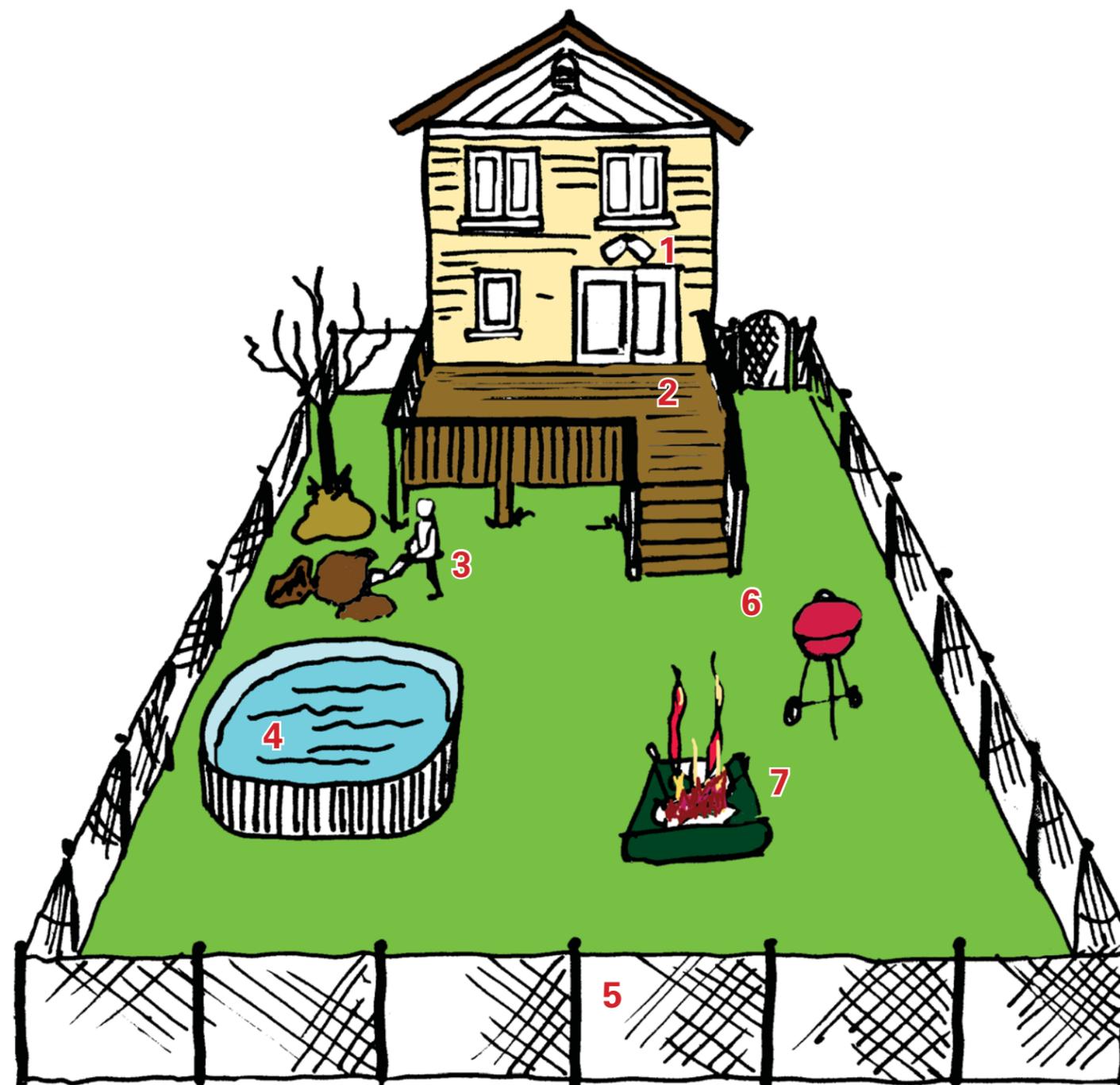
The purpose of the code is to establish minimum requirements regarding structural integrity, safe egress, light and ventilation levels, sanitation facilities, fire protection and other safeguards for life and property.

Plan review and inspections are performed for building, plumbing, mechanical trades and elevators through the Minneapolis Construction Code Services office.

To find information on obtaining permits go to: <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ccs/>

The office is located at 250 South 4th Street – 3rd floor.

Free parking is available for permit customers in a surface lot at 211 South 3rd Street. The sign says Minneapolis Development Review. From the lot, come in the rear door of the building. It is a blue-green building in a 60's modern style which readily differentiates from neighboring structures. Bring the parking stub from the gate up to the permit office to exchange it for a free exit token.



1. Security lighting
2. decks should:
 - be securely attached to house
 - NOT be pulling away from house
 - NOT be twisting or leaning
3. CALL BEFORE YOU DIG:
 - 811
 - www.gopherstateonecall.org
4. Swimming pool:
 - must be protected by a fence if depth is 24 inches or more and the surface area is more than 150 square feet
 - must have a ladder to climb out of the pool if the water is 3 feet deep or more
 - should NOT be placed under power lines
5. Required fence due to the presence of a swimming pool:
 - fence and gates shall be at least 4 feet in height
 - gates shall be self latching and have a lock
6. Grills* should be:
 - positioned away from siding and deck railings
 - positioned out from under eaves and overhanging branches
 - NOT placed in the common foot path area or near play equipment.
7. Fire pits and recreational fires* including portable fireplaces and chimineas:
 - must be at least 25 feet away from a structure or combustible material
 - must be in a fire ring or pit with edges more than six inches high.
 - must have a water hose or fire extinguisher present.

* See the fire code for more rules regarding grills on balconies and additional recreational fire rules <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/> (Type 'recreational fires' in search engine)



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