

NSW SWIMMING POOL REGISTER

Pool 'self assessment' checklist

Swimming Pools on a property 2 hectares or larger

Prior to 1 July 2010, Property owners had the choice of either fencing their pools, or having latchable doors and restricted window openings as their pool barrier.

Swimming Pools built/installed with door and window as barrier before 1 July 2010 (Including requirements for indoor pool and spa pool)		
Requirements	Does your pool meet the safety standards?	
Doors:		
There is a latch on the door at least 1500mm above floor level on every door entering the pool area	Yes	No
Doors open away from the pool area and are self-latching	Yes	No
There are no pet doors or openings to the pool area greater than 100mm	Yes	No
Windows:		
The windows can only open to a maximum of 100mm	Yes	No
OR The windows are totally covered by bars or a mesh screen	Yes	No
OR The height from the sill of the lowest opening panel of a window (to the pool area) is at least 1800mm from the floor	Yes	No
Wall restrictions		
There are no wall openings greater than 100mm	Yes	No
Around the pool		
There is an appropriate warning sign, including details of resuscitation (CPR) techniques, in the immediate vicinity of the pool area which can be easily read from a distance of 3 metres.	Yes	No
Spa		
The spa is covered by a child-resistant lockable lid	Yes	No

If you have answered 'No' to any of the questions above, please contact your local council for further information.

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Swimming Pool and Spa built/installed with a Pool fence and for Swimming Pool and Spa built/installed after 1 July 2010		
The swimming pool has a child-resistant barrier separating the pool from the house	Yes	No
The outside of the pool fence is at least 1200mm high all the way around	Yes	No
If a boundary fence forms part of the pool fence; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For pools built <i>before</i> 1 September 2008 - it must be at least 1200mm high For pool built <i>after</i> 1 September 2008 – it must be at least 1800mm high 	Yes	No
The gap between the bottom of the fence and the ground is no more than 100mm	Yes	No
All vertical or near-vertical rails on the fence or gate are less than 100mm apart	Yes	No
There are no potential hand holds or foot holds within 900mm of the top of the pool fence in any direction.	Yes	No
If perforated or mesh fencing is used, the holes are 13mm or less	Yes	No
The pool fence is well-maintained and in a good state of repair (eg, it has no holes, broken rails or palings)	Yes	No
The gate swings freely, and closes and latches by itself from any position	Yes	No
The gate latch is working well so that the gate is secure and, once closed, can't be pulled open	Yes	No
The gate opens outwards, away from the pool area	Yes	No
The release for the gate latch must be 1500mm above ground level, or The release for the gate latch must be located on the inside of the fence and be surrounded by a 450mm shield so that it must be accessed by reaching over the fence or through a latch access point that is 1200mm above ground level. The gate latch itself must be at least 150mm below the top of the fence or latch shield access point.	Yes	No

Are you aware that it is dangerous and against the law to prop the gate open?	Yes	No
There is an appropriate warning sign, including details of resuscitation (CPR) techniques, in the immediate vicinity of the pool area which can be easily read from a distance of 3 metres.	Yes	No
Your pool fence is clear of any objects such as BBQs, trees, rocks, shrubs and deckchairs that could help a small child climb over the fence	Yes	No