

# Home swimming pool safety

## Checklist

This checklist applies to all pools installed after 1 August, 1990 excluding pools on very small properties (less than 230 square metres), large properties (greater than two hectares) and waterfront properties.

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- Is there a pool fence separating the pool from your house and the neighbourhood?
- Is the outside of the pool fence at least 1.2m high all the way around?
- Is the gap between the bottom of the fence and the ground less than 10cm?
- Are all vertical or near vertical palings less than 10cm apart?
- Are all horizontal or near horizontal fence rails more than 90cm apart so a small child cannot get a foothold to help climb over the fence?
- Is your pool fence well maintained and in a good state of repair as an effective and safe barrier? (eg. no holes, broken palings)
- Is your pool fence 1.2m clear of any objects such as BBQs, trees, rocks, shrubs and deckchairs that could help a small child climb over the fence?
- Is your clothes line, BBQ or similar object not directly associated with the swimming pool and which could lead to the pool gate being left open located outside of the fenced pool area?
- If the wall of the residence forms part of the child-resistant barrier, is this wall without windows, doors or other openings that permit access to the pool?
- Is there an appropriate resuscitation sign displayed in the immediate vicinity of the pool area?
- Does the gate close and latch by itself from any open position?
- Does the gate open outwards, away from the pool?
- Is the gate release mechanism 1.5m above ground level or alternatively, located inside the gate at 1.2m and covered by an approved shield?

For more information on swimming pool safety, contact your local council.  
For water safety information, visit the SafeWaters website.

### Important note

This checklist is to be used as a guide only.

For further advice on ensuring that your pool is fully compliant with the legislation you should contact your local council.

Your local council can also inspect your pool and issue a compliance certificate if your pool is compliant with the legislation. Councils may charge a fee for this.

Pool owners are reminded that **there is no substitute for constant adult supervision of children in and around swimming pools** to prevent drownings and other accidents.