

NSW SWIMMING POOLS - Pool 'Self-Assessment' Checklist

CURRENT SWIMMING POOLS

Does your pool meet the safety standards under Australian Standard AS1926.1?

1. The pool fence must be at least 1200mm high all the way around measured from the outside of the pool fence.
2. If a boundary fence forms part of the pool fence, it must be at least 1800mm high (prior to 01/09/2008 1200mm compliant) on the inside of the pool area.
3. The gap between the bottom of the fence and the ground must be no more than 100mm.
4. All vertical or near vertical rails of the fence and gate must be less than 100mm apart.
5. There are no potential hand holds or foot holds within 900mm of the top of the pool fence in any direction.
6. There must be no potential hand holds or foot holds within 300mm inside of the pool fence.
7. If perforated or mesh fencing is used, holes must be no more than 13mm.
8. Your pool fence must be well maintained and in a good state of repair (i.e. no holes, broken rails/palings or rust).
9. The gate must be self-closing and latch by itself from any position (i.e. fully open, resting on latch).
10. The gate latch must be working well so that the gate is secure and once closed, cannot be opened without the release of the latching mechanism.
11. The gate must open outwards away from the pool area.
12. The release for the gate latch must be 1500mm above ground level or if inside the fence at least 150mm below the top of the fence and shielded.
13. If a wall forms part of the barrier, there must not be openings greater than 100mm.
14. All windows facing into the pool area must only open to a maximum of 100mm, or the windows must be totally covered by bars or a secure metal mesh screen.
15. There must be an appropriate warning sign, including details of resuscitation (CPR) techniques, in the immediate vicinity of the pool area and which can be easily read from a distance of 3 metres. This sign must contain procedures for both adult and child/infant resuscitation and the '3 warnings' as per the Swimming Pools Regulation 2008.
16. Your pool fence must be clear of any objects such as BBQs, trees, rocks, shrubs, toys, pool filters and furniture that could help a small child climb over the fence.

OLDER SWIMMING POOLS BUILT PRIOR TO 1 SEPTEMBER 2008

Swimming Pools constructed on Large Properties, Small Properties and Water Front Properties had the choice of either fencing their pools, or having lock-able doors and restricted window openings.

Does your pool (installed prior to 1 September 2008) comply with the safety standards listed below, to be exempt from installing a pool fence?

Doors and Windows

1. There is a latch on the door at least 1500mm above the floor level on every door of the dwelling and any other residential building on the property?
2. There are no pet doors or openings leading into the pool area greater than 100mm.
3. All windows of the dwelling and any residential building must only open to a maximum of 100mm.
 - (or)** The open able portion of windows are totally covered by bars or a metal mesh screen.
 - (or)** The height from the sill of the lowest opening panel of a window (to the pool area) is at least 1800mm from the ground.