

NSW SWIMMING POOL REGISTER

Pool 'self assessment' checklist

Swimming Pools built or installed before 1/09/2008 Australian Standard AS1926 - 1986

See Page 2 for pools on waterfront, large-sized properties, small-sized properties and for pools built pre-1 August 1990, as these pools have the option of using lockable windows and doors as barriers

	Does your pool meet the safety standards?	
The pool fence must be at least 1200mm high all the way around measured from the outside of the pool	Yes	No
If a boundary fence forms part of the pool fence, it must be at least 1200mm high	Yes	No
The gap between the bottom of the fence and the ground must be no more than 100mm	Yes	No
All vertical or near vertical rails on the fence and gate must be 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
There must be a 300mm clearance from the barrier inside the pool area	Yes	No
If perforated or mesh fencing is used, the holes must be no more than 13mm	Yes	No
Your pool fence must be well maintained and in a good state of repair (eg no holes, broken rails or palings)	Yes	No
The gate must be self closing and latch by itself from any position	Yes	No
The gate latch must be working well so that the gate is secure and, once closed, can't be pulled open	Yes	No
The gate must open 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 it is dangerous and against the law to prop the gate open?	Yes	No
If a wall forms part of the barrier, then there should not be an opening greater than 100mm	Yes	No
All windows can only open to a maximum of 100mm or the windows must be totally covered by bars or a mesh screen	Yes	No
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	Yes	No
Your pool fence must be clear of any objects such as BBQs, trees, rocks, shrubs and deckchairs that could help a small child climb over the fence	Yes	No
<p>For pools and spas built on waterfront, small-sized and large-sized properties</p> <p><i>and/or</i></p> <p>For all pools installed prior to 1 August 1990</p>		
Property owners had the choice of either fencing their pools, or having lock-able doors and restricted window openings	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
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 ground	Yes	No

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