

Pool Fence Checklist



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Supervision

Although this checklist is to help you with checking your fence prior to a mypoolinspection Inspector attending your property, careful adult supervision is the Number One method of preventing pool drownings. Please consider the following:

- Always supervise swimmers irrespective of age and never swim alone! Always with a buddy!
- During parties always assign a 'designated adult'. Someone needs to be responsible!

Gate

- Does the gate open away from the pool?
- Is the gate latch 1500mm from the ground?
- When closed, is it secure and does not pull free? Even when a child bounces on the bottom rail?
- Does the gate self close from any position?
- If the latch is not a magna type latch, is the gap between the gate and fence less than 10mm?
- Does gate close from resting on strike plate?
- Are the hinges 900mm apart? Or non-climbable?
- Is the gap between the gate and the ground less than 100mm?
- Have you considered the dangers of propping open the gate?

Fence

- Are all fence panels there?
- Are all all fixings tight and secure?
- Is the gap between the fence and the ground less than 100mm?
- Are there no gaps greater than 100mm in fence?
- Is there no direct door/window access to pool?
- Is fence height 1200mm high or higher?
- Is the fence free of sharp hazards and edges?
- Is the distance between climbable horizontal rails greater than 900mm?
- When squeezing vertical bars, is the gap on either side less than 100mm?

Around the Fence

- Have trees near the fence been trimmed so that children can't use them to climb?
- Is there a clear 300mm on inside of fence and clear 1200mm on the outside of the fence?
- Is a CPR sign on display?
- Are climbable items removed from near the fence?
- Is there a 900mm 'clear zone' where the pool fence intersects another fence?

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