

Pool Fence Safety Inspection Checklist

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This checklist should only be used as a guide, this is only a sample of common faults and in no way replaces a professional inspection. Pool owners should consider getting a professional assessment of their pool's compliance.

POOL GATES				
Opens outwards away from the pool				
Gate latches from any position				
Stays latched when pulled				
Latch a minimum of 1500mm above finished ground level or shielded				
Gap between the gate and fence less than 10mm if latch is shielded				
Bottom of gate is less than 100mm above ground level				
Gate is at least 1200mm high				
Hinges exceeding 10mm in diameter and less than 900mm apart have non-climbable cap fitted				
There are no items to prop the gate open				
POOL BARRIER - FENCES				
Fence is at least 1200mm high				
Bottom of fence is less than 100mm above the finished ground level				
Garden beds do not impinge into the non-climbable zone				
Gaps in vertical bars are less than 100mm				
Horizontal members more than 900mm apart; or Gap between palings less than 10mm and horizontal members on the inside of the fence				

POOL BARRIER FENCES CONTINUED	
Screws, nails and fixings secure	
1800mm high or Non-Climbable Zone is on the outside of the fence	
At least 900mm between horizontal members	
All fence panels are in place	
NON-CLIMBABLE ZONE	
Fences less than 1800mm high-arc of 900mm clear from the top of the fence	
1200mm in the bottom quadrant–(rising ground, retaining walls)	
Protrusions and indentations less than 10mm	
No climbable trees lower than 900mm and no overhanging climbable objects within the upper quadrant SEE FIGURE 9 below	
No pot plants, retraining walls etc within the non-climbable zone SEE FIGURE 4 below	
No plastic or light weight furniture outside the pool area	
No furniture inside the area within 300mm clear area	

STRENGTH AND RIGIDITY	
Squeeze test-using your non-dominant hand and squeezing the vertical bars of the fence and gate you cannot create a gap of more than 100mm between the bars	
Push over test-pushing on the fence does not cause it to fall over or permanently deform	
Rust, timber rot, lose or missing fixings	
WINDOWS	
Do not open more than 100mm or have security barriers fitted	
DOORS	
No doors which give access from a building to the pool area	
There is a compliant fence between all buildings and the pool	
RESUSCITATION SIGN	
300mm x 300mm minimum size	
Durable and weather proof	
Visible from within the whole pool area	
Mentions 2 breaths / 30 compressions	
DRABCD / not check for pulse	
Mentions dial 000, call an ambulance	



