



# OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOLS

## SELF ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST



### DOES YOUR POOL MEET SAFETY STANDARDS?



The outside of the pool fence is at least 1200mm high all the way around	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
If a boundary fence forms part of the pool fence; it must be at least 1800mm high	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The gap between the bottom of the fence and the ground is no more than 100mm	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
All vertical or near-vertical rails on the fence are less than 100mm apart	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There are no potential hand holds or foot holds within 900mm of the top of the pool fence in any direction.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There must be a 300mm clearance from the barrier inside the pool area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fencing materials with opening greater than 100mm shall not be used	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The pool fence is well-maintained and in a good state of repair (eg, it has no holes, broken rails or palings)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The gate swings freely, and closes and latches by itself from any position	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The gate latch is working well so that the gate is secure and, once closed, can't be pulled open	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The gate opens outwards, away from the pool area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The gap between the vertical barriers of a gate is no more than 100mm	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The gate latch release height reinforced must be at least 1400mm above any lower foothold	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Are you aware that it is dangerous and against the law to prop the gate open.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
If a wall forms part of the barrier, then there should not be an opening greater than 100mm	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Any openings (within the 1800mm height) in the window shall be permanently restricted to a maximum of 100mm.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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There is an appropriate warning sign, including details of resuscitation (CPR) techniques, in the immediate vicinity of the pool area which can be easily read from a distance of 3 metres.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Your pool fence is clear of any objects such as BBQs, trees, rocks, shrubs and deckchairs that could help a small child climb over the fence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**An owner may install the pool only after a safety barrier is installed and checked by a licensed building surveyor.**

If you have answered 'No' to any of the questions above, please contact your local council for further information.  
[drowningprevention.org.au/swimmingpoolready](http://drowningprevention.org.au/swimmingpoolready)



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