



# SPA POOL

## SELF ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST



### Does your pool meet safety standards?



The spa is covered by a child-resistant lockable lid

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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

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### OR The Spa is enclosed by a pool fence and gate\*

The outside of the pool fence is at least 1200mm high all the way around

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If a boundary fence forms part of the pool fence;

- For pools built before 1 September 2008 - it must be at least 1200mm high
- For pool built after 1 September 2008 – it must be at least 1800mm high

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The gap between the bottom of the fence and the ground is no more than 100mm

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All vertical or near-vertical rails on the fence are less than 100mm apart

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There are no potential hand holds or foot holds within 900mm of the top of the pool fence in any direction.

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Fencing materials with opening greater than 100mm shall not be used

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The pool fence is well-maintained and in a good state of repair (eg, it has no holes, broken rails or palings)

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The gate swings freely, and closes and latches by itself from any position

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The gate latch is working well so that the gate is secure and, once closed, can't be pulled open

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The gate opens outwards, away from the pool area

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The gap between the vertical barriers of a gate must be no more than 100mm wide

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The gate latch release height reinforced must be at least 1400mm above any lower foothold

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Are you aware that it is dangerous and against the law to prop the gate open.

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Any opening (within 1200mm height) in the window shall not be able to be opened greater than 100mm

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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

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**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.  
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