

Building a New Pool

- I have a building approval for the swimming pool and fencing.
 - I have a sign warning people that I have a pool under construction and it is clearly visible from the road at the front of my property.
 - I have obtained certification for the fence (Temporary or permanent) around my new pool prior to filling it with water.
 - I have obtained a final inspection of the swimming pool and permanent fence.
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Check Your Pool Gate

- The gate swings back to the closed position after being opened.
 - The gate latches and stays closed after it returns to the closed position.
 - The gate is secure so that it can't be pulled open once latched.
 - The gate stays secure and doesn't open if a child bounces on the bottom rail.
 - The gap between the gate and the fence is less than 100mm.
 - My gate opens/swings away from the pool
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Check Your Pool Fence

- I have a pool fence separating my pool from my neighbour.
 - I have a pool fence restricting access from my house to my pool.
 - The outside of my pool fence is at least 1.2 metres high all the way around.
 - The bottom of my pool fence is less than 100mm off the ground all the way around.
 - All vertical or near vertical fence uprights are less than 100mm apart.
 - All horizontal or near horizontal fence rails are at least 900mm apart.
 - The top of my pool fence is at least 900mm above any low horizontal fence rails.
 - My pool fence is well maintained – there are no holes or broken posts or rails.
 - My pool fence is at least 900mm away from any object that would allow a child to climb over the fence e.g. trees, pots, BBQ, outside table setting
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Check The Pool Area

- Toys are always removed from the pool and stored securely after use so that children aren't encouraged to get to them.
- Trees or shrubs near the fence have been trimmed so that children can't use them to climb the fence.

This checklist is provided as a guide only. For further advice contact your local council or a certified pool inspector.