

SUPERVISE, HAVE FUN & STAY SAFE

Pool & spa owners should always check to ensure their barriers and gates are compliant and ensure that children are supervised at all times.



POOL & SPA BARRIER 'SELF ASSESSMENT' CHECKLIST - Australian Standard AS1926.1 - 2012 CHECK TO SEE IF YOUR POOL & SPA COMPLIES

Disclaimer: <i>This checklist is for educational purposes only. Completing this checklist does not substitute for a pool and/or spa inspection. Pool owners should engage a suitable professional to undertake an assessment of their pool and spa's compliance.</i>		
The pool barrier located within the property (including the gate) must be at least 1200mm high all the way around measured from the outside of the pool area.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If a boundary barrier forms part of the pool barrier, it must be at least 1800mm high when measured from the inside of the pool area with no climbing points within 900mm from the top.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Objects or level changes that reduce the height of the barrier are located at least 500mm from the barrier.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
The gap between the bottom of the barrier and the ground level cannot be more than 100mm.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
The gap between all vertical rails on the barrier is less than 100mm	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
There are no hand holds or foot holds within 900mm of the top of the pool barrier in any direction.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
There must be a 300mm clearance from the barrier inside the pool area for barriers with vertical openings 10–100 mm in width.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If perforated or mesh is used as part of the barrier, the holes or openings must be: - 13mm or less for barriers not less than 1200mm - 13mm to 100mm for barriers not less than 1800mm	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Your pool barrier must be maintained and in good order to remain compliant and safe (e.g. no damage or changes to barrier heights caused by ground or other movement).	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
The gate must be self-closing and latch by itself from any position.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
The gate latch must always work so that the gate is secure, stays in the closed position and cannot be simply pulled open.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
The gate must swing outwards, away from the pool.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
The gap between vertical barriers of a gate must be no more than 100mm.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Release point of gate latch must be at 1500mm (ground level) and 1400mm from the lowest highest point (i.e. bottom rail of the gate); or if gate latch is located inside the gate on the poolside, the release point of the gate latch must be at least 150mm below the top of the barrier and shielded 450mm in all directions if the barrier is not solid. i.e. glass	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If a wall forms part of the barrier, there are no openings greater than 100mm or 10mm gaps crevices or protrusion or extrusions areas that could be used as a finger or toe hold.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Any window that forms part of the barrier cannot open more than 100mm without the use of a tool; or the window must be shielded by bars or a metal screen.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
The height from the window sill of the lowest opening panel of a window to the pool area must be 1800mm measured from finished ground level.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Your pool barrier must be clear of any objects such as BBQs, trees, rocks, shrubs and deckchairs that could help a small child climb over the barrier.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

If you have answered 'NO' to any above, please contact a SPASA Member to assist you with achieving compliance. www.spasa.com.au



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BE PROACTIVE TO ENSURE POOL & SPA SAFETY

SUPERVISE:

Supervision is the key to prevent toddler drowning. Adequate supervision means a responsible adult is supervising children at all times.

RESTRICT ACCESS:

Understanding the importance of a compliant safety barrier and its maintenance ensure that access to the pool or spa is limited and provides a deterrent. Never prop the gate open and ensure it can close from any position and the lock engages.

Propping the gate open reduces the effectiveness of the barrier and presents an unsafe situation for children.

EDUCATE:

Ensure children are taught swimming, survival and lifesaving skills at an early age, set rules for children near water and ensure those rules are enforced.

LEARN CPR:

Every parent and pool owner should have learnt first aid and CPR. A CPR sign within the vicinity of the pool will assist in remembering how to apply CPR correctly.

KEEP HEALTHY:

A healthy pool or spa ensures that you and your family can use your pool or spa without fear of germs that can cause ear, nose, throat and skin issues. As part of your regular pool maintenance ensures your pool chemistry is right.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

Swimming Pool and Spa Association of Australia (SPASA)

www.spasa.com.au

Australian Resuscitation Council (ARC):

www.resus.org.au

Royal Life Saving Society of Australia (RLSSA):

www.royallifesaving.com.au

NSW – Office of Local Government:

www.olg.nsw.gov.au

QLD - Queensland Building and Construction Commission:

www.qbcc.qld.gov.au

SA – Department of Planning, Transport & Infrastructure:

www.sa.gov.au

Tasmania - Consumer Affairs and Trading:

www.consumer.tas.gov.au

WA - Australia Department of Commerce:

www.commerce.wa.gov.au

NT - Government information and services:

www.nt.gov.au

VIC - Victorian Building Authority

www.vba.vic.gov.au

ACT – *Environ, Planning & Sustainable Development Directorate*

www.planning.act.gov.au

Australian Competition & Consumer Commission

www.accc.gov.au