

# Outdoor Swimming Pool Barrier Checklist

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The following checklist is **not a comprehensive assessment of all the requirements** of the Acts, Regulations and Standards applying to swimming pools in NSW. It is designed to be used as a quick assessment guide of the common areas of non-compliance to assist property owners in ensuring they meet their obligations under the legislation.

## Pool Fence Surrounding the Swimming Pool

- Does the pool fence have an effective height of at least 1200mm where it surrounds the pool?
- Is the bottom of the pool fence no more than 100mm above the ground or surface below?
- Are any gaps or spaces in or around the pool fence no greater than 100mm?
- Does the pool fence include a continuous Non Climbable Zone (NCZ) of 900mm in height?
- Is there a continuous clear area of at least 900mm outside the fence free of all climbable objects?
- Where open style fences are used, is there a continuous clear area of at least 300mm inside the fence free of all climbable objects?
- Is any boundary fence that forms part of the pool barrier at least 1800mm high?
- Does any 1800mm high boundary fence that forms part of the pool barrier contain a 900mm NCZ on the outside of the fence or at the inside top of the fence (including where it adjoins the internal pool fence)?
- Does any 1800mm high boundary fence that forms part of the pool barrier extend at least 900mm past the adjoining internal pool fence?

## Gates

- Do all gates swing outward away from the pool area?
- Do all gates self close and latch from any position from resting on the latch to fully open?
- Are all gate releases at least 1500mm above the ground (or shielded as per the standard)?

## Windows and Doors Adjoining the Pool Area

- Is the openable portion of any window with a sill height of up to 900mm above the internal floor permanently covered by bars or security mesh or prevented from opening more than 100mm?
- Is the openable portion of any window with a sill height between 900mm and 1200mm above the internal floor protected as above or permanently covered by a securely fixed flyscreen?
- Do all other openable windows have a sill height of more than 1200mm above the internal floor?
- Are there no doors leading from a residential building into the pool area? (Note that exemptions for doors may only apply for some pools on large properties commenced before 1 July 2010)

## Balconies

- Does any balcony that has a floor level of less than 1800mm above the ground and projects into the pool area have a 1200mm high balustrade that is compliant with the fence requirements or is separated from the pool barrier by at least 900mm?

## Loading Requirements

- Does the fence have sufficient strength and rigidity to restrict access as required?

## Resuscitation Chart

- Is a current and compliant resuscitation chart securely fixed in a prominent position in the immediate vicinity of the swimming pool? *charts can be purchased from Ballina Shire Council at 40 Cherry Street, Ballina*