

To assist in finding out if your pool meets the QLD Pool Safety Standard, complete the below Pool Safety Checklist.

## Pool Safety Checklist

- Is the barrier height a minimum of 1200mm from the ground to the top of the barrier?
- Is the maximum gap from finished ground level to the bottom of any barrier 100mm?
- Do the gaps between vertical members with horizontals a minimum of 900mm apart exceed 100mm?
- Are the horizontal gaps less than 900mm apart with a 60-degree fillet attached and gaps between verticals under 10mm?
- Are any climbable objects at least 900mm away from the pool barrier on the outside and 300mm on the inside?
- Are there any objects nearby that could be climbed (decks, door sills, tables, etc.) that are over 1200mm?
- Do all gates open away from the pool?
- Are all pool gates self-closing and latching?
- Is the bottom of any latch at least 1500mm above the ground and 1400mm above the top of the highest lower horizontal member?
- Are the pool gate hinges at least 900mm apart or the lower hinge have a non-climbable (sixty degree) safety cap affixed to prevent climbing?
- Is there no direct access through a door from the house to the pool area?
- Are all windows opening onto the pool open no more than 100mm or are security screened?
- Is the gap on any louvers less than 100mm?
- Is there a compliant CPR sign displayed either attached to the barrier for the pool, or displayed near the pool?

## Garden beds and ground levels

- Remove surrounding garden beds near the pool fence
- Reduce the height of surrounding ground levels and garden beds
- Raise the barrier height to at least 1200mm above the finished ground level

## Gates

- The gap between the gate post and the gate must not exceed 100mm
- Adjust the gate to make it swing outwards away from the pool area
- Ensure the gate is self-closing and self-latching from any angle
- Adjust the self-closing mechanism or replace the hinges to make the gate self-closing
- Oil gate hinges to ensure it closes properly
- Regularly maintain the gate

## Climbable objects

- Shield any climbable objects with a non-climbable material such as flat polycarbonate sheeting, vertical palings or a 'fillet' that has an angle of 60 degrees or more
- Trim any tree branches that are within 900mm of the pool barrier. If there are branches overhanging from an adjacent property, you may need to negotiate with your neighbour to remove them
- Fix a wedge fillet along the horizontal rails of the barrier (fillet must be minimum 60-degree angle)
- Shield any lattice or other climbable material with a non-climbable material such as flat polycarbonate sheeting or vertical palings
- Trim any climbable vegetation away from the pool barrier
- Secure all moveable objects near the pool