



Swimming Pool/Spa Safety Barrier Self Help Checklist

(For pools and spas installed on or before 5 November May 2001)

Thank you for using this self-assessment checklist. We've prepared it to help you meet your responsibilities as a pool owner and to ensure your home has a safe swimming pool or spa. It applies to swimming pools, spas and inflatable pools installed on or before 5 November 2001 which must have either an isolating safety fence or a perimeter barrier (which can include doors, windows and gates).

	DOORS AND WINDOWS WHICH OPEN INTO THE POOL OR SPA AREA	YES	NO
1	Do all doors independently return to the shut position after being opened? The door must latch closed on the first attempt, from any position, without manual force. (Tip - Check spring or hinge tension)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Does your door latch and stay shut after it returns to the closed position? The door must be secure so that it can't be pulled open.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Is your door release mechanism (e.g. handle) located at least 1500mm above the level of the internal floor?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Do your windows (where the window sill is less than 1200mm from the ground) provide possible access to the pool area? If yes, the windows must be fixed in such a way that the window is not capable of opening more than 100mm. (Key locking devices are not acceptable and the stopping device must be permanently fixed. Solid security screens covering the entire opening are acceptable, flyscreen/wire is not permitted).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Windows with bottom sills located more than 900mm but less than 1200mm from the internal floor level must comply with the requirements above or be fitted with a securely fixed flyscreen.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Is your pet access door/window opening smaller than 100mm x 100mm?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Automatic garage doors or perimeter gates must not allow direct access to the pool or spa area.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Do you have a gate as part of the barrier? If so is your gate at least 1200mm high and securely attached?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	On the gate, are all horizontal components, such as rails, greater than 900mm apart?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Are all gaps in the gate less than 100mm? This includes vertical gaps and the gap between the bottom rail and the ground.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Is the ground beneath your gate solid? i.e. no loose stones, sand, bark, mulch etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Does your gate open outwards from the pool?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	If the latch is located above or outside the gate - is the latch located more than 1500mm from the ground?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	If the latch is located inside the gate, it must be surrounded by a 450mm shield. The latch can only be accessed by reaching over the fence or gate or through an access point that is 1200mm above ground level. The latch must be at least 150mm below the top of the fence/gate or access point.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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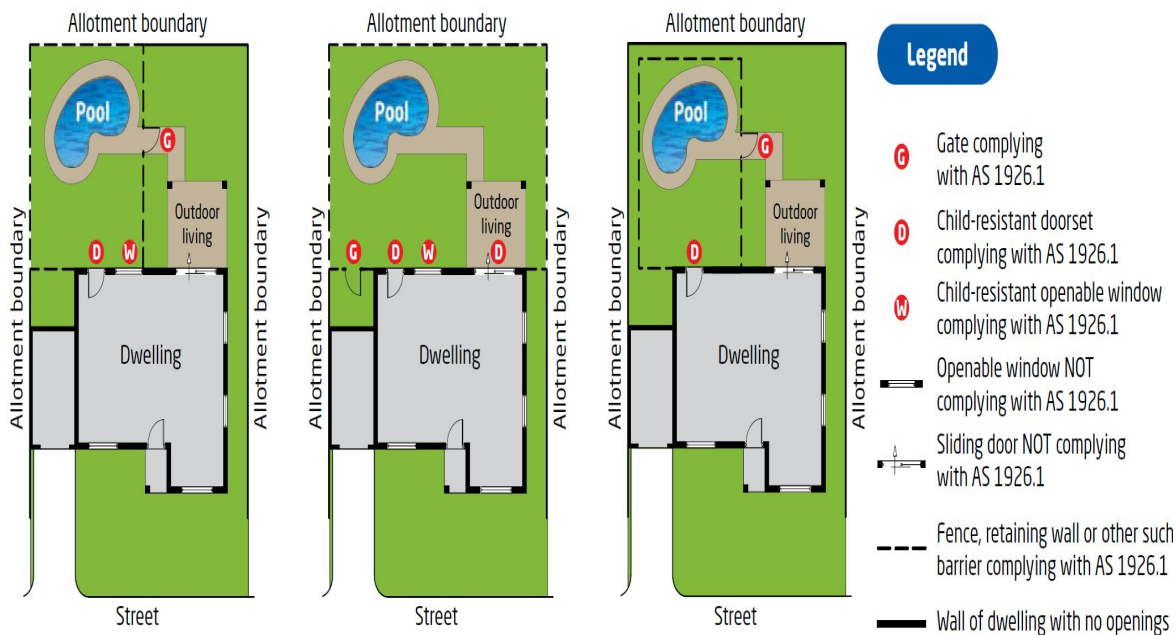
Important Tips!

- ✓ Test your swimming pool barrier on a regular basis, to check that gates are self-latching and self-closers are working correctly.
- ✓ Covers for pools and spas, even lockable ones, do not meet the minimum safety barrier requirements.
- ✓ Skimmer boxes should have tight fitting secure lids.
- ✓ Supervision is the key: You should always actively supervise children when they are in or around the water (including portable swimming pools). You should be within arms' reach of your child at all times and actively supervising, by having constant visual contact with your child and be in a position to respond quickly.
- ✓ Further information can be found at the following websites: City of Canning: www.canning.wa.gov.au Building Commission www.buildingcommission.wa.gov.au SAI Global - To obtain copies of AS1926.1 – 1993 www.saiglobal.com

See next page for diagrams



Diagrams below show different barrier arrangements for pools and spas installed on or before 5 November 2001 (Source of diagram: see Book titled “Rules for Pools and Spas” produced by Department of Commerce WA, Building Commission, which can be accessed via the City’s website, under “S” for Swimming Pools).



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