



## Swimming Pool/Spa Safety Barrier Self Help Checklist

(For pools and spas installed after 1 May 2016)

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 approved by way of a Building Permit after 1 May 2016. Swimming pools or spas installed after 1 May 2016 must have an isolating safety fence.

	<b>GATES AND FENCES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
1	Is your fence and gate at least 1200mm high? (see diagram over page) Please note: Any portion of the pool fence that is also a boundary fence, must be 1800mm high.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Are all horizontal components in the fence, such as rails, greater than 900mm apart, to stop little legs from climbing?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Are all gaps in the fence less than 100mm? This includes vertical gaps and the gap between the bottom rail and the ground, so little bodies can't squeeze through.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Are all components of your fence securely attached providing a stable permanent barrier?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Is the ground beneath your fence and gate solid and stabilised?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Does your gate open outwards from the pool?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Does gate automatically latch closed after being opened? The gate must latch closed on the first swing, from any position, without manual force.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Does your gate latch stay shut after it returns to the closed position?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	If the latch is located above the gate or outside the gate - is the latch located more than 1500mm from the ground? To keep little hands out of reach. (see diagram over page)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	If the latch is located inside the fence or 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. (see diagram over page)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Have climbable objects near the fence been removed? E.g. chairs, ladders, pot plants, BBQ's, dog kennels, footholds etc. No climbable objects within a 900mm arc of outside of gate/fence and no climbable objects within 300mm of any part of the inside of the gate/fence. (see diagram over page)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Have trees and shrubs near your pool fence been trimmed so that they cannot be used to climb the fence?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	If windows (of a house, outbuilding or shed) are located inside the fence barrier, they must either not open more than 100mm or be permanently fixed with a security mesh screen. (Key locks are non-compliant with the Standard, and therefore not permitted)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	Is your pet access door/window opening smaller than 100mm x 100mm?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

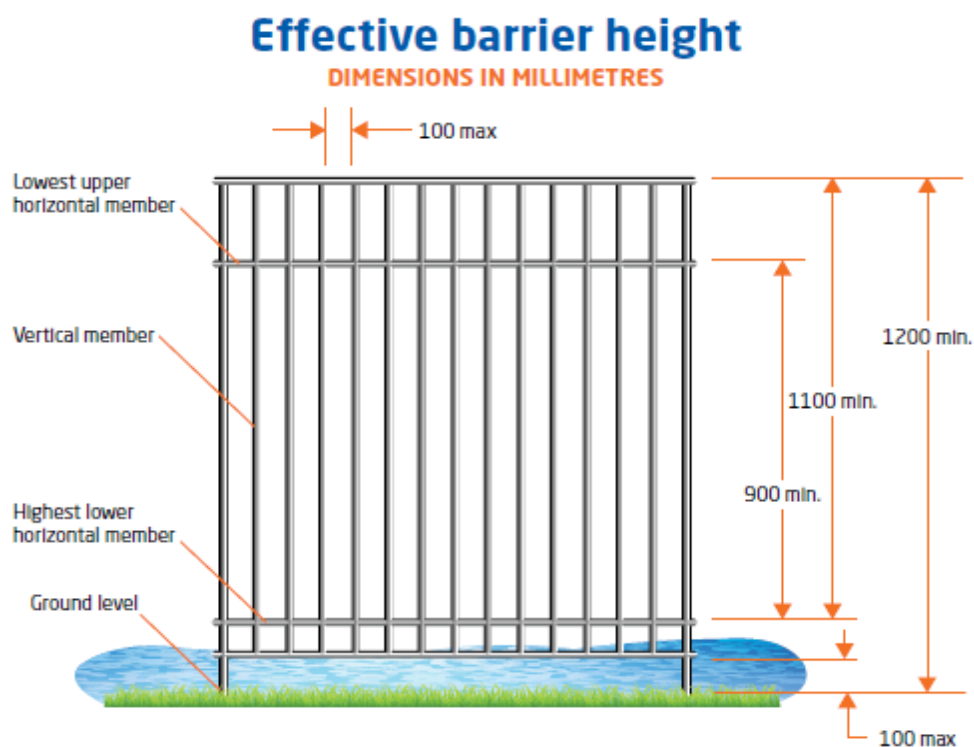
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### Important Tips!

- ✓ 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](http://www.canning.wa.gov.au) Building Commission [www.buildingcommission.wa.gov.au](http://www.buildingcommission.wa.gov.au) SAI Global - To obtain copies of AS1926.1 – 1993 [www.saiglobal.com](http://www.saiglobal.com)

Diagram reference to question 1



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Diagram reference to question 10 and 11

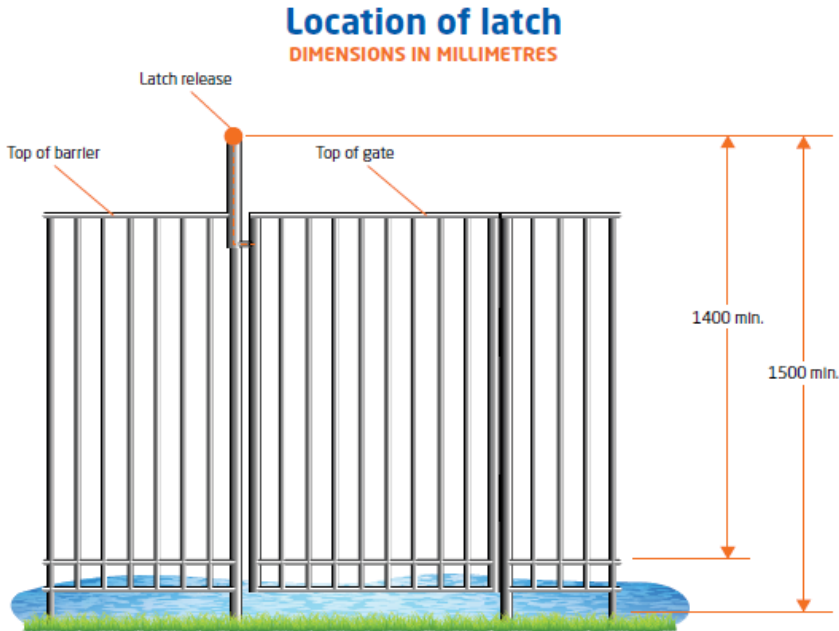
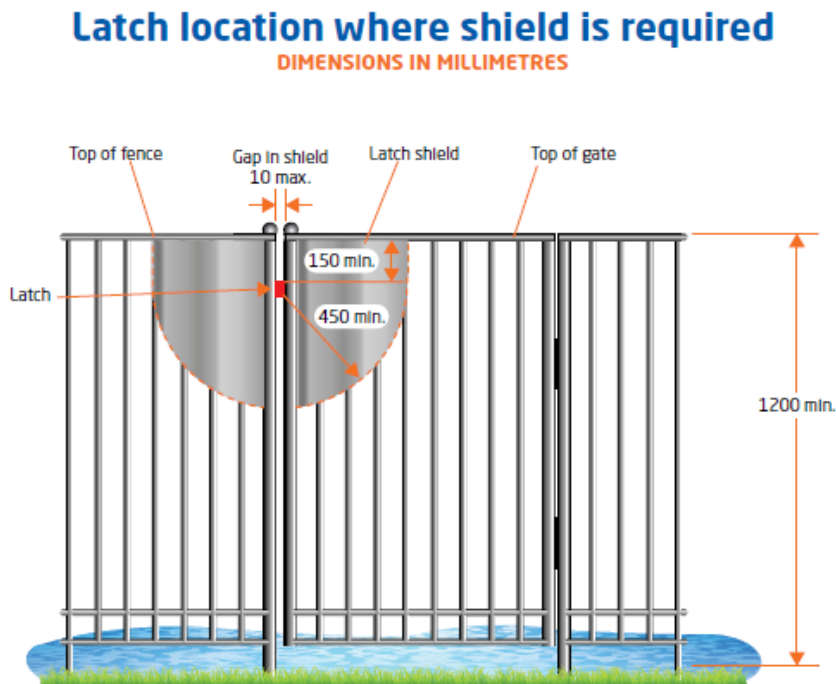


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**Source of diagrams:** *Rules for Pools and Spas* produced by Department of Commerce WA, Building Commission, which can be accessed via the City's website, under "S" for Swimming Pools.

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