



Swimming Pool / Spa Safety Checklist

The safety around swimming pools and spas is an important issue for you, your family and visitors to your home. The safety requirements are determined by the approval date for when your pool or spa was installed, which can be checked by calling the City on 9956 6600.

The City is required to inspect pools and spas for their safety on a frequent basis and the below checklist provides useful information to monitor compliance on common areas, prior to the City undertaking an inspection. This checklist is not a complete list of the safety requirements which can be obtained from the "Rules for Pools and Spas" information on the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety website at commerce.wa.gov.au

Checklist for Pools and spas approved before 5 November 2001:

Doors with direct access to the pool must:

- Self close and self latch (go back to the closed position and latch after being opened to any extent).
- Have the door latch at a minimum height of 1.5m above the inside floor level.
- For double hinged doors, one side fixed shut with a bracket, with the other door to self close and self latch and the latch at a minimum height of 1.5m above the inside floor level.
- Pet Doors are NOT Acceptable**

Windows must either:

- Have a security grill, or
- Have a device that restricts the window from opening more than 100mm. The device must

require the use of a tool to remove it (e.g. screwdriver/spanner). Key locks or thumb screws are not permitted.

Fences must:

- Be a minimum height of 1.2m high from ground level or any higher point (e.g. retaining wall, garden bed, ledge, foothold).
- Any gaps are not to exceed 100mm, including under the fence or between vertical members. The ground must be stabilised under the fence

Gates accessing the pool/spa must:

- Open outwards from the pool/spa area.
- Self-close and self-latch (swing back to the closed position and latch after being opened to any extent).
- Have the gate latch located at a minimum height of 1.5m above the ground level or any higher points (e.g. retaining wall, garden bed, ledge, foothold).

Climbable objects (including barbecues, flower pots, trees, retaining walls, plumbing, cubby houses):

- Inside a pool enclosure must be 300mm from the barrier/fence.
- Outside a pool enclosure must be at least 500mm from the barrier/fence, and 900mm from the top of the barrier/fence.



Checklist for pools and spas approved on or after 5 November 2001, but before 1 May 2016:

Doors with direct access are NOT PERMITTED. Any door must be permanently sealed closed and all door hardware removed.

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Checklist for pools and spas approved on or after 1 May 2016:

The requirements set out above for pools and spas approved on or after 5 November 2001, but before 1 May 2016, and

Fences along boundaries (e.g. fence between the neighbour, street or other public property) must:

- Be a minimum height of 1.8m from the finished ground level inside the pool area. The finished ground level includes any planter beds against the fence (i.e. the fence must be 1.8m from the level of the planter bed).

Further Information

For further information, please contact the City's Building Surveying team on **9956 6600**.

Alternatively, information is provided on the City's website at cgg.wa.gov.au

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the highly technical nature of regulations and standards applicable to safety barriers for pools and spas, the information and requirements listed above are neither complete nor exhaustive, but are provided on the basis for ease of reference. It is recommended that this information be read in conjunction with Rules for Pools and Spas available on the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety website at commerce.wa.gov.au