



Inverell Shire Council

**144 Otho Street
INVERELL NSW 2360
ABN 72 695 204 530**

RESIDENTIAL SWIMMING POOL and SPA SAFETY CHECKLIST ***IS YOUR SWIMMING POOL/SPA AREA SAFE ???***

The majority of drownings and near-drownings in residential swimming pools and spas involve children under 5 years old. Drowning kills more children under 5 years old than any other cause. Unsafe fences, latches and gates combined with lapses in adult supervision are directly responsible for most drownings in this age group.

This checklist will help you check if your swimming pool or spa area (indoor or outdoor) meets Councils' basic safety requirements. Council staff can help you with more technical information or a safety inspection to ensure your pool meets the legal requirements.

Pools installed AFTER 1 August 1990

Yes / No

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| 1. Is the pool surrounded by a fence which separates the pool from the house? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Is the fence in good condition and at least 1.2m high? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Are the gaps in the fence between the vertical sections only 100mm wide or smaller? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Are the horizontal sections of the fence at least 900mm apart? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Is the gap between the bottom of the fence and the ground less than 100mm? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Is the fence free of obstructions such as large pot plants, ladders or anything else a child might use to climb the fence? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Is there a 1m wide distance between the water's edge and the pool fence for resuscitation purposes? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Are the gates at least 1.2m high and do they open away from the pool? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Are the gates self-closing and self-latching? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. Is the gate release mechanism 1.5m above ground level or alternatively located inside the gate at 1.2m and covered by an approved shield? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. Is there an approved resuscitation chart prominently displayed within the pool area which also states "Young children should be supervised when using the swimming pool"? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. Is the water quality satisfactory? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

NOTE: If you have answered "NO" to any of the questions above, your pool DOES NOT COMPLY with the NSW *Swimming Pools Act and Regulations*. In the interests of the safety of your household and the community, we urge you to contact Council (02 6728 8202). Staff can assist you with further information and advice and offer comprehensive safety inspections.



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Note: Existing pools which currently have perimeter/isolation fencing are required to keep and maintain this fencing for the life of the pool.

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| 1. Is the pool surrounded by a fence which separates the pool from the house? | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Is the fence in good condition and at least 1.2m high? | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Are the gaps in the fence between the vertical sections only 100mm wide or smaller? | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Are the horizontal sections of the fence at least 900mm apart? | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Is the gap between the bottom of the fence and the ground less than 100mm? | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Is the fence free of obstructions such as large pot plants, ladders or anything else a child might use to climb the fence? | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Is there a 1m wide distance between the water's edge and the pool fence for resuscitation purposes? | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Are the gates at least 1.2m high and do they open away from the pool? | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Are the gates self-closing and self-latching? | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. Is the gate release mechanism 1.5m above ground level or alternatively, located inside the gate at 1.2m and covered by an approved shield? | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. Is there an approved resuscitation chart prominently displayed within the pool area which also states "Young children should be supervised when using the swimming pool"? | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. Is the water quality satisfactory? | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |

If you answered "No" to question one (1) in the section above and the pool is not fenced answer these questions as well

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| a. Do all doors providing access to the pool area from the house, garage, games room, shed or any other detached building/s, have a lock or latch located at least 1.5m above ground level? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Are all windows in walls of the house, garage, shed, games room or other detached building/s located either 1.2m above the ground, or alternatively, have a fixed security grille? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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