

Before we inspect your pool there are specific checks you should perform to ensure a successful inspection process. Print out this checklist and mark off the items:-

### Check your pool fence

- My pool fence separates my pool from my neighbour.
- My pool fence restricts access from my house to my pool.
- The outside of my pool fence is at least 1200mm high on all sides above ground level.
- The bottom of my pool fence is less than 100mm off the ground.
- All vertical or near vertical fence uprights are less than 100mm apart.
- All horizontal or near horizontal fence rails are at least 900mm apart.
- The top of my pool fence is at least 900mm above the lowest horizontal fence rail.
- My pool fence is well maintained – there are no holes, broken posts or rails.
- Objects that would allow a child to climb over my pool fence e.g. BBQ's, trees, rocks, shrubs, furniture, ornaments, pots, taps, light fittings, plugs, deck bracing etc are at least 900mm away from the fence.  
These can be shielded with non-climbable material such as flat polycarbonate sheeting or vertical palings that has an angle of 60 degrees or more.

### Check your pool gate

- My pool gate closes by itself from any open position.
- My pool gate latches by itself when it is released in an open position at a distance of 20mm from the latch.
- My pool gate latches by itself when it is released in an open position 45 degrees from the latch.
- My pool gate opens outwards, away from the pool.
- I never prop open or tie back my pool gate or otherwise obstruct it from automatically closing.
- I have a latch which is at least 1500mm above the ground or covered so a child cannot open the gate. or 150mm down on the inside for Glass fences.

### Check your windows and doors

- I do not have a window or door that opens directly to the pool area from my house.
- Windows that open directly to the pool are at least 1200mm above the floor or do not open wider than 100mm or have been permanently fitted with security screens. Installing window locks is not acceptable as they can easily be left unlocked.

### Check your CPR sign

- My pool has a CPR sign that is clearly displayed near the pool i.e. is clearly visible from all areas of the pool.
- My CPR sign shows the current procedure for CPR approved by Australian Resuscitation Council.

### Check your above ground pool

If your pool is above ground, you must ensure that:-

- The walls of my pool are at least 1200mm high on all sides.
- The sides of my pool are free from bracing, indents, projections and filtration equipment.
- Any pieces of equipment e.g. ladders, steps, filters etc) are enclosed by a fence with a self-closing gate.

### Building a new pool (Certification must be obtained by a registered Certifier)

- I have a building approval for the swimming pool and fencing.
- I have a sign warning people that I have a pool under construction and it is clearly visible from the road at the front of my property.
- I have obtained certification for the fence (temporary or permanent) around my new pool prior to filling it with water.
- I have obtained a final inspection of the swimming pool and permanent fence.

