

Swimming Pool Safety & Compliance Fact Sheet

Pool Fencing

All pools including portable and inflatable pools that are capable of holding water that is deeper than 300mm are required to have a compliant child-resistant barrier surrounding the pool.

"There is no substitute for supervision"

A child resistant barrier is no substitute for active supervision. It is important to:

- Maintain visual contact at all times
- Remain in close proximity to children while they are within the pool or surrounds
- Remove pool toys, balls or other articles from the pool enclosure when not in use

Maintenance of the pool barrier includes but is not limited to:

- Regularly check gate is operating correctly
- Regularly check and adjust latching device and hinges so that the gate is self-closing and self-latching from any position
- Regularly check all fence fixings and connections are secure and in good condition

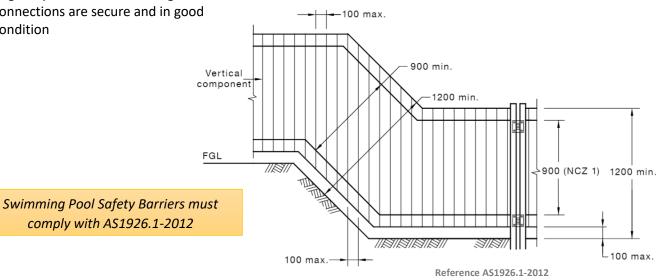


Compliance Certificates

Anyone who is selling or leasing a property that contains a pool must obtain a compliance certificate. Swimming Pools located on tourist accommodations premises or multi-dwelling properties (i.e more than 2 dwellings) should obtain a compliance certificate every three years. These can be obtained through council or a registered certifier and are valid for three years. A history of compliance certificates issued to a property is publicly available on the NSW Swimming **Pool Register**

Fees

Swimming Pool Certificate of Compliance - \$250 (\$100 refund if first inspection is satisfactory)





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Inflatable pools must be surrounded by a four-sided pool fence and self-closing, self-latching gate. They have the same fencing requirements as permanent or inground pools.

Register Your Pool

It is the law that a swimming pool must be registered online at www.swimmingpoolregister.nsw.gov.au

Most drowning deaths occur in children aged between 0-4 years of age in a swimming pool environment (35%)

Fines for non-compliant Pools

Unregistered Pool - \$220

Failure to comply with Act such as noncompliant child resistant barrier - \$550

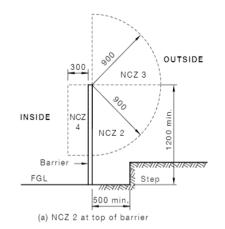
Failure to install CPR Chart - \$110

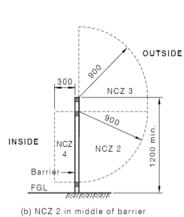
Failure to comply with Council Direction - \$550

Non-Climbable Zones

The outside of the pool fence must be clear of furniture, plants, footholds or other objects that can be used to aid climbing the fence for a distance of 900mm upwards, outwards in any direction and straight down.

There must be nothing within 300mm of the fence on the inside of the barrier





NOTE: The lower radius point of NCZ 2 may be located anywhere on the barrier provided there are no aids for climbing within the arc.

DIMENSIONS IN MILLIMETRES

FIGURE 2.1 (in part) EXAMPLES OF NON-CLIMBABLE ZONES (NCZs)

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