

## Pool Safety Certificate Pre Inspection Checklist

Save time and money by using this checklist to make sure your swimming pool or spa is compliant with Queensland safety standards before your pool safety inspection and certification. If you are unsure then contact our office.

### Check your fence or barrier around the pool

- The height of your barrier must be at least 1200mm high from the finished ground level. The finished ground level must be a permanent, stable surface.
- The gap between the bottom of the fence and the finished ground level must not exceed 100mm.
- The gap between the vertical bars of the fence must not exceed 100mm.
- The horizontal rails of the fence must be at least 900mm apart.
- All screws, nails and fixings must be secure.
- Posts must be structurally sound to withstand a pushover test.
- All infill panels must be in place.
- There must not be protrusions or indentations exceeding 10mm that could be used as a toe hold for climbing.
- 1800mm high fences require a 900mm non-climbable zone from the top of the fence, on at least once side of the fence.
- Balustrades on balconies within 900mm of the pool barrier, need to be 1200mm high.

### Check your pool gate.

- The pool gate must always open away from the pool area.
- Gate latches must be on the inside of the pool area and at least 150mm down from the top of the gate.
- Gate latches on the outside must be a minimum of 1500mm from the ground, and at least 1400mm above the top of the highest lower horizontal member.
- The pool gate must close and latch by itself from all positions.
- Gate hinges must be minimum 900mm apart.

### Check the area around the swimming pool fence

- Remove all climbable objects (branches, pot plants, furniture, etc.) from the 900mm non-climbable zone. See below diagram indicating this regulation:

## Doors and windows

- There must be no direct access through a door from the house to the pool area. Child-resistant door sets are no longer compliant for outdoor pools.
- Windows must not open more than 100mm if there is access to the pool area. Alternatively, they can be security screened.

## CPR Signage

- A CPR sign (resuscitation sign - DRABCD) must be a minimum of 300 x 300mm, made of durable and weatherproof material, visible from anywhere in the pool area and must show an emergency number. The CPR sign must also indicate two breaths / 30 compressions. Additionally, the CPR sign must be displayed near the pool so that the sign is visible to anyone in the pool area.