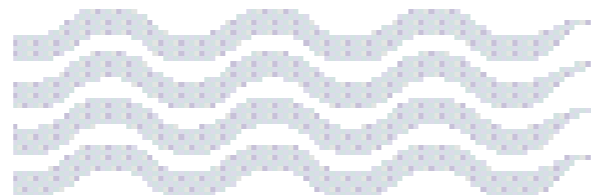


POOL SAFETY CHECKLIST

Ask yourself these questions to assess the safety of your pool.

- Could a young child easily climb over, under or through your fence to get to the pool?**
Minimum standards for new pools require (generally) a 1.2m high permanent fence, which a young child could not easily climb over or pass through from outside the pool enclosure.
- Do all of the gates in your pool safety barrier close and latch properly, so that they could not easily be opened by a small child?**
Gates must be self-closing and self-latching. The release for the latching device must be at least 1.5m above ground level, or otherwise out of reach. Gates should be hung so that they open outwards from the pool area.
- Could a door in your house be easily opened by a young child to get to the pool?**
Any door which provides access to the pool area must be fitted with a door closer that will close and latch the door from a stationary start at any position. The release for the latching device must be at least 1.5m above the floor.
- Could a child get access to a swimming pool through a window in your house?**
The current requirement for new pools is broadly that, where the openable part of the window is less than 1.2m from the floor the window must have:
 - bars or mesh screen; OR
 - a mechanism for limiting the size of the window opening; OR
 - in some cases, a securely fixed fly screen.

- Do you keep an eye out for objects that could be used for climbing over a pool safety barrier?**
Objects like garden furniture, children's toys, shrubs, and ladders could be used by young children to climb over a safety barrier to get to the swimming pool. Keep these objects well away from the safety barriers.
- Do you supervise young children while they are in or outside the pool area?**
Safety barriers alone are not enough to prevent young children getting to a swimming pool. Young children are adventurous, they may climb, squeeze through or scale safety barriers to get to a swimming pool. Adequate supervision is essential.
- Is the pool clear of toys and other floating objects that could attract a child's attention?**
Balls and other floating toys can attract children to the water. Keep them out of the pool area when not in use.
- Do you have resuscitation skills?**
Total responsibility includes resuscitation skills. Training for resuscitation is available from, The Royal Life Saving Society, Australian Red Cross and St John Ambulance



INFORMATION

Fencing and Safety Barriers

- Your local Council
- Department for Transport, Urban Planning and the Arts Planning SA Ph (08) 8303 0602

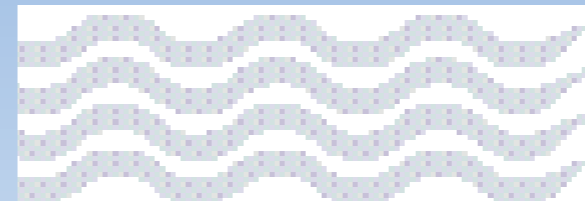
Resuscitation

- Royal Life Saving Society Ph (08) 8234 9244
- Australian Red Cross Ph (08) 8267 7624
- St John Ambulance Ph (08) 8274 0331

Child Accident Prevention

- Kidsafe Ph (08) 8204 6318

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YOUR
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pool

kid safe?

What you need to know about
swimming pool fencing

AS A SWIMMING POOL OWNER, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SAFETY.

Accidental drowning in private swimming pools is a frequent cause of death and injury for young children under five years of age. You can prevent such an accident occurring in your swimming pool by making sure that your pool is adequately fenced and young children are supervised at all times.

Fencing

- All new pools must have a continuous safety barrier which is maintained by the pool owner, and which restricts access by young children to the pool and the immediate pool surrounds.
- Owner of pools built before July 1993 are encouraged to upgrade pool fencing to a level of safety that meets today's standards for new pools. (see examples of acceptable safety barriers)

Supervision

- Child supervision, together with safety barriers will help to reduce the number of drownings in private swimming pools.

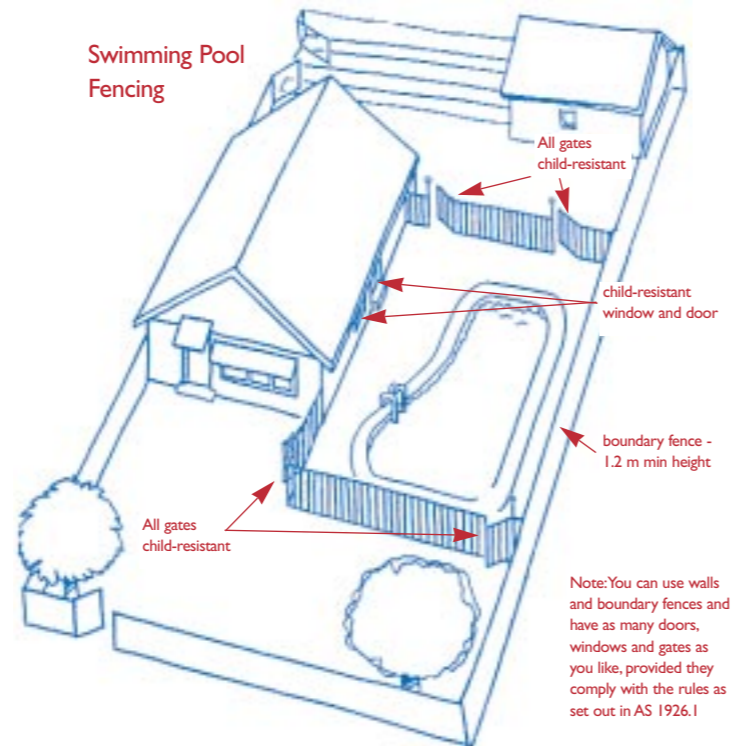
Resuscitation

- Resuscitation skills are a must because they save lives.

LEGISLATION APPLYING TO SWIMMING POOLS IN SA

Pools built after 1 July 1993 must comply with the Development Act 1993 which restricts access to the pool from the house.

Pools built before 1 July 1993 must comply with the Swimming Pools (Safety) Act 1972 which requires a swimming pool to be enclosed by a fence, wall or building or any combination of these. The minimum requirement under this legislation is that access from outside the property to the pool is restricted by a boundary fence. Of course, suitable barriers which restrict access to the pool from anywhere on the property, including the house, will also comply with the Act. (as shown below)



Acceptable safety barriers

All pools should have suitable barriers or safety fencing to restrict access by young children to the immediate pools surrounds.

Examples of safety barriers which must be constructed in accordance with the Australian Standard AS 1926.1 are illustrated in this brochure.

If you require further information on swimming pool safety, contact one of the organisations listed on the back of this brochure.

Barrier Requirements complying with AS 1926.1

Fencing must be constructed:

- so the outside of the fence is an effective barrier to young children
- so it is permanent
- so it does not provide access for young children to climb over by foot and hand holds, or crawl under
- not less than 1.2 metres high.

Gates to the pool area must:

- only swing outward from the pool area
- be self closing from any position
- be fitted with a latching device which is out reach of small children (generally 1.5 m above ground level).

Doors providing direct access from the house to the pool area must be fitted with:

- a door closer
- a self-latching device located at least 1.5 m above floor level

Security measures on awning and sliding windows complying with AS 1926.1

Where the openable part of any window is less than 1.2 m above the floor it must have:

- bars or mesh screen; or
- a mechanism limiting the size of the window opening; or
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