

FROM 1 DECEMBER 2015, ALL QUEENSLAND POOL FENCES MUST MEET THE SAFETY STANDARD.



When do I need to comply?

You have until 1 December 2015 to meet the pool safety standard, or earlier if you sell or lease your property.

What types of pools need to comply?

All swimming pools, spas and portable pools that can be filled to a depth of 300mm and have a volume of more than 2000 litres.

How do I register my pool?

All Queensland residential pools must be registered with the QBCC. You can check or list your property on the pool safety register at qbcc.qld.gov.au

To assist in finding out if your pool fence meets the safety standard, complete this checklist of your fence, gate and surrounds to ensure it's safe.

Pool register		
Is your pool registered? You can check online at qbcc.qld.gov.au	Y	N
Pool fences		
The height of your pool fence is at least 1200mm	Y	N
The gap between the bottom of the fence and the ground is no more than 100mm	Y	N
Your pool fence has horizontal rails no closer than 900mm apart	Y	N
Your pool fence has vertical rails no greater than 100mm apart	Y	N
There are no climbable objects within 900mm from the outside and 300mm from the inside	Y	N
The pool fence is well maintained and fixed securely, with no holes, broken rails or verticals	Y	N
Signage		
There is a current CPR sign that is easily visible to anyone near the pool	Y	N

Doors and windows		
No doors provide direct access from the house to the pool area	Y	N
Windows which open onto the pool area are fixed so that they do not open more than 100mm or they have a security screen fitted	Y	N
Gates		
The pool gate opens outward, away from the pool	Y	N
The gate self-closes and self-latches from all open positions	Y	N
The gate latch is at least 1500mm off the ground and 1400mm above the top part of the lower horizontal railings. If located on the inside, it needs to be at least 150mm below the top of the fence and covered with a 450mm radius shield on the outside	Y	N
The hinges on the gate are at least 900mm apart or the lower hinge has a non-climbable safety cap	Y	N

The above checklist is to be used as a guide only. If you answered no or are unsure, we recommend you engage a licensed pool safety inspector to conduct a full safety audit. You can find one at qbcc.qld.gov.au