

Pool and Gate Safety Checklist

Follow these steps to check whether your pool and fencing is safe. Checklist should take less than 10 minutes to complete, all you will need is a tape measure and pen/pencil.

POOL GATES		
The top of your Gate latch must be a minimum of 1500mm from ground level.	Yes 🗌	No 🗆
The gate swings back to the closed position after being opened from any position. Eg. Open gate 1cm, open gate halfway, open gate all the way.	Yes 🗌	No 🗆
The gate latches and stays closed after it returns to the closed position.	Yes 🗌	No 🗆
The gate is secure so that it can't be pulled open once latched.	Yes 🗌	No 🗆
The gate stays secure and doesn't open if a child bounces on the bottom rail.	Yes 🗌	No 🗆
The gap between the gate and the fence is less than 100mm.	Yes 🗌	No 🗆
Does your gate open away from your pool? If NO: Remove the gate and fix hinges so gate opens away from your pool.	Yes 🗌	No 🗌
Are your hinges more than 900mm apart from top of the bottom hinge to top of the top hinge?	Yes 🗌	No 🗆
If NO : Do they have a safety cone on the bottom hinge?	Yes 🗌	No 🗆
Can you adjust the tension on your hinges?	Yes 🗌	No 🗆
If you have answered No to any of these questions your gate is not safety compliant. Visit Bunnings Warehouse to buy replacement G8safe products and make it G8Safe.		
POOL FENCE		
Are your fence panels at least 1200mm high?	Yes 🗌	No 🗆
Are the gaps in your pool fence verticals (pickets) less than 90mm apart?	Yes 🗌	No 🗆
Posts, panels and gates free from corrosion (rust)? If NO: Replace as necessary with a pool compliant product from Bunnings Warehouse.	Yes	No 🗆
Are all of your pool fence panels securely attached? If NO: Replace/ tighten any missing or loose screws.	Yes 🗌	No 🗆
Does your pool fence have all the screws holding it together fixed off firmly? If NO: Replace/tighten screws as necessary.	Yes 🗌	No 🗌
Are your post footings (concrete) firm and don't move if you lean on them? If NO: Remove post and dig a hole 200mm wide and 600mm deep, concrete post back in.	Yes 🗌	No 🗌
Is the gap under your fence 100mm or less? if NO: Fix a solid object (e.g. timber sleeper, fence paling) under bottom rail or put a concrete strip 300mm deep into the ground under fence.	Yes 🗌	No 🗆
Do you have a CPR sign near or inside your pool/spa area that can be read from a minimum distance of 3 meters away? If NO: Purchase one via Bunnings Warehouse, St Johns Ambulance or Royal Lifesaving Society	Yes 🗌	No 🗆
Extend a tape measure to 900mm and put it against the top rail of fence, measure in an arc on the outside of the fence Remove any objects inside the tapes arc that children could climb on (e.g. Trees, pots, BBQ, ta	bles, chairs)	-

This checklist is not designed to replace a pool compliancy inspection, if in doubt contact your local council for further information.