

# TASMANIA BARRIER INFORMATION

If your swimming pool or spa holds a depth of water of 300mm (30cm) or more you must install a pool safety barrier. This requirement applies to pools and spas installed from 1994 onwards.

## **Barrier Requirements:**

All swimming pools and spas capable of containing water to a depth greater than 300 mm (30 cm) must have a compliant safety barrier to restrict access to the pool area by young children (under the age of five). Barriers are required for:

- Pools which are:
  - In-ground.
  - Indoor (excluding bathroom spa-baths).
  - Above ground.
  - Inflatable and relocatable.
- Wading pools holding 300mm (30cm) of water.
- Hot tubs/spas.

## **Barriers aren't required for:**

- Pools and spas (including inflatable) which hold less than 300mm (30cm) of water.
- Indoor spa-baths (bathroom spas which are emptied after each use).
- Domestic baths emptied after each use.
- Bird baths.
- Fountains.
- Water supply and storage tanks.
- Fish ponds.
- Dams.

## **Maintain pool safety barrier:**

Maintaining a pool safety barrier is the owner's responsibility. Owners should check:

- Gates are self-closing correctly and not propped open.
- Latches on gates work correctly.
- Items/furniture are not placed against the barrier to enable climbing (including on neighbouring property).
- Landscaping does not allow climbing.
- Openings in the barrier have not increased due to movement of the ground or barrier.
- The barrier remains structurally sound.