



YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

Swimming Pool Acts and Regulations apply to all residential pools in Australia.

The requirements for child-resistant barriers on premises where there is a residential building vary according to when and where the pool was constructed and where the pool is located.

All new pools must be separated by a complying barrier from the house and adjoining properties. The general requirement for child – resistant barriers on residential properties is for the pool to be separated by a complying barrier from the house , adjoining properties and public spaces at all times. Direct access from the house to the pool area is not permitted unless an exemption applies.

Owners of swimming pools must ensure that the pool is at all times surrounded by a child-resistant barrier. Always keep barrier, gates and doors in good working condition. Doors and gates providing access to the pool area must be kept securely closed at all times when not in actual use.

All pool owners must display the prescribed warning sign in a prominent position in the immediate vicinity of the swimming pool. The sign gives a supervision warning and the details of resuscitation techniques.

Warning Signs must be displayed where they can easily be seen.

COUNCIL ' S RESPONSIBILITY

Council has the responsibility for administering the Swimming Pools Act and Regulation in its locality. Under the Act, the council must ensure it is notified of all swimming pools in its local area, which are covered by the Act. Your council also has a responsibility to promote awareness of the requirements of the legislation in relation to swimming pools.

Your council is required to investigate complaints about non-compliance with the Act. It must, as far as is practicable, commence its investigation into a written complaint within 72 hours of receipt of the complaint.

IMPORTANT STATE REFERENCES

ACT - <http://www.legislation.act.gov.au>

NSW - <http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/>

NT - <http://www.watersafety.nt.gov.au/>

QLD - <http://www.hpw.qld.gov.au/construction/BuildingPlumbing/PoolSafety/Pages/default.aspx>

SA - <http://www.sa.gov.au/subject/Housing>

TAS - http://www.wtc.tas.gov.au/documents/swimming _pool _safety1.pdf

VIC - <http://www.buildingcommission.com.au/www/html/551-swimming-pools--spas.asp>

WA - <http://www.buildingcommission.wa.gov.au/consumers/swimming-spa-pools>