

# Safety Check on Pools and Spas

The City of Wanneroo Inspection Programme for safety requirements covering private (garden) swimming pools/spas is ongoing.

The City's Private Swimming Pool Inspector will be calling on all known swimming pool/spa owners to ensure all safety measures required under the Local Government Act, Building Regulations and Australian Standards 1926.1 have been complied with.

Pool/spa owners to be included in the 2005/06 financial year inspection programme will be notified by mail when inspection of their pool/spa is imminent. This will be carried out on a suburb basis.

Due to the nature of Council's rolling annual inspection programme, not all pools in a suburb will be due for inspection at the same time.

All swimming pool/spa owners are requested to check their swimming pool/spa enclosures, gates and general access point **BEFORE** inspectors call to ensure compliance with safety requirements.

**A safety barrier must comply at "All Times" and it is the responsibility of owners that these are inspected regularly.**

## The safety requirements for residential pools and spas are:

1. All private swimming pool/spas installed from 5 November 2001 shall be isolation fenced. Such fencing may include complying property boundary fencing and walls of a building provided such walls do not have door access to that building. Opening windows may be included, subject to the requirement of Section 2.13 of the Australian Standards 1926-1-1993.
2. All owners of private swimming pools/spas installed prior to July 1992 shall within 5 years, by the end of 2006, isolate pools/spas in accordance with No. 1 above which may include door access from a building subject to the requirements of Section 2.14 of the Australian Standards 1926-1-1993 but, shall not include access via roller doors etc, or Class 10a buildings.
3. All swimming pools/spas installed from July 1992 to 4 November 2001 may include safety requirements as Nos. 1 and 2 above or, as a combination of both.
4. Purchasers of property where safety requirements **DO NOT COMPLY** have three (3) months from the date of settlement to meet No.1 above.

### Notes:

- When properties are sold which have Pre 1992 pools/spas that do not comply with the above, the new owners shall, **within three (3) months of the date of settlement**, upgrade safety fencing to meet the Australian Standards.
- Illegal pools/spas will come to the City's attention when a property is offered for sale and may potentially delay sale or settlement. To avoid future problems, owners are advised to ensure their private swimming pool/spa is registered and meets all safety requirements.

### **MORE INFORMATION**

For more information, please contact the Swimming Pool Inspector on 9405 5444

### **DISCLAIMER**

**This information sheet is correct as at July 2008 and may be changed without notice.**