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The City of Wanneroo Swimming Pool and Spa safety barrier inspection programme aims to educate residents of the importance installing and maintaining a safety barrier to restrict access to a pool/spa by young children. All owners of properties that contain a swimming pool and/or spa are required to erect and maintain a safety barrier in accordance with AS 1926.1. The City inspects each property within a four (4) yearly cycle to ensure that the safety barriers are compliant.

Pool/spa owners will be notified by mail when inspection of their safety barrier is imminent. This will be carried out on a suburb basis. Due to the nature of the City's rolling annual inspection programme, not all pools/spas in a suburb will be due for inspection at the same time.

A pool/spa safety barrier must comply at all times and it is the responsibility of owners that these are maintained. The checklist below identifies some common areas of non-compliance and has been developed to aid home owners/occupants in ensuring that their safety barrier is maintained.

SWIMMING POOL GATE

- Must open outward from pool
- Latch must be more than 1.5m from the ground
- Must be self-closing and self-latching
- Must latch shut on the first swing

Does gate swing back to the closed position after being opened?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No - Replace hinges
Does gate latch and stay closed after it returns to the closed position?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No – Replace latch
Is gate secure so that it can't be pulled open once latched?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No – Fix or replace latch
Is gate secure and doesn't open if a child bounces on the bottom rail of the gate?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No – Fix or replace latch
Are you aware of the dangers of propping the gate open?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No – Never prop gate open
Is the gap between the gate and the fence less than 100mm?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No – Reduce the gap

SWIMMING POOL FENCE

- Secure and in good working order
- No more than 100mm from the ground
- Should be at least 1.2m high
- No vertical gaps more than 100mm apart

Are all of the fence panels in place?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No - Replace fence panels
Are all of the fence panels securely attached?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No – Secure panels
Have you checked the fence for gaps or holes?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No – Check and fix fence
Is the distance between the bottom rail and the ground less than 100mm?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No – Reduce the gap
Have you checked for rusted, loose or missing screws?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No – Check and replace

AROUND THE SWIMMING POOL FENCE

- Pool aids and toys should be stored securely and out of view
- Objects that could be used to climb the fence should be removed from the area

Have climbable objects near the pool fence been removed? i.e. chairs, ladders, trees, pot plants, BBQ's.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No – Store objects away from fence
Are toys always removed from the pool and stored securely after use?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No – Store toys securely
Have trees or shrubs near the fence been trimmed so that children can't use them to climb the fence?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No – Trim trees and shrubs

Please note: This checklist is not an exhaustive list of requirements and does not guarantee that your safety barrier will be compliant with AS1926.1. Additional requirements may apply based on when your pool/spa was installed and/or any site specific constraints that may exist on the property. For additional requirements, please refer to the Building Commission's webpage. Alternatively, the City's Private Swimming Pool Inspector is available for site consultations (fees apply).

For further information, please contact the City's Compliance Services on 9405 5000.

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