

Pools and Spas - Fencing Requirements



Active supervision and learning to swim are key to ensuring the safety of young children around water, especially pools.

Abiding by Pool Safety laws is mandatory in Queensland and **if your pool or spa (including portable pool or spa) can hold at least 300mm of water, then the pool safety laws apply.**

In Queensland, this means all regulated swimming pools are required to meet the single swimming pool barrier standard. This standard, designed to increase pool safety and simplify pool safety laws, covers such things as the height and strength of barriers, mandatory non-climbable areas, gate-latching requirements and preventing direct access from a building into a pool area and applies to new and existing pools in houses, unit complexes, hotels, motels, backpacker accommodation, caravan parks and mobile van parks.

It is the responsibility of the pool owner to not only ensure their pool is compliant with the safety standard, but to ensure their pool is registered.

Penalties, including on the spot fines, are applicable for noncompliance and failing to register. If you are selling or leasing a property with a pool, you must ensure you have a valid pool safety certificate.



The **Queensland Building and Construction Commission website** (<https://www.qbcc.qld.gov.au/your-property/swimming-pools>) contains valuable information regarding pool safety including making sure your pool is compliant and how to register your pool or check if your pool is registered.



The Royal Life Saving Australia website (<https://www.royallifesaving.com.au>) has information available regarding water safety including a **Home Pool Safety Checklist.**