

Swimming Pool / Spa Barrier Checklist

pre-May 2016

Barrier refers to the fences and the gates that separate the pool area from the remainder of the property

BARRIER DESIGN

- permanent, made from durable material and well maintained
- minimum height, ground to top, 1200mm
- maximum distance between vertical members 100mm
- minimum distance between climbable horizontal members 900mm
- maximum distance between ground and bottom of barrier 100mm
- ground below the barrier is stable and not able to be eroded by children, weather or animals

BOUNDARY FENCES FORMING PART OF THE BARRIER

- minimum height, ground to top, 1200mm **AND** climbable objects not located within a 1200mm arc from the top of the barrier inside towards ground level **OR**
- minimum height, ground to top, 1800mm **AND** climbable objects not located within a 900mm arc from the top of the barrier inside towards ground level

GATES AND LATCHES

- gates open away from the pool
- gates self-close from ALL positions with a stationary start
- gates self-latch from ALL positions, including resting on the latch
- latch is at least 1500mm from ground level **OR** latch is on the inside of the barrier and shielded
- gate hinges protruding more than 10mm are spaced 900mm apart or are non-climbable

NON-CLIMBABLE ZONES / CLIMBABLE OBJECTS

(bbqs, trees, rocks, furniture, retaining walls, pumps, pot plants, taps, pipework, power points, lattice etc.)

- not located within a 1200mm arc from the top of the barrier outside towards ground level **OR** within a 900mm semi-circle from the top of the barrier above and on the outside
- not located within 300mm of the inside of the barrier
- handholds / footholds (i.e. projections and indentations greater than 10mm) are no less than 900mm apart

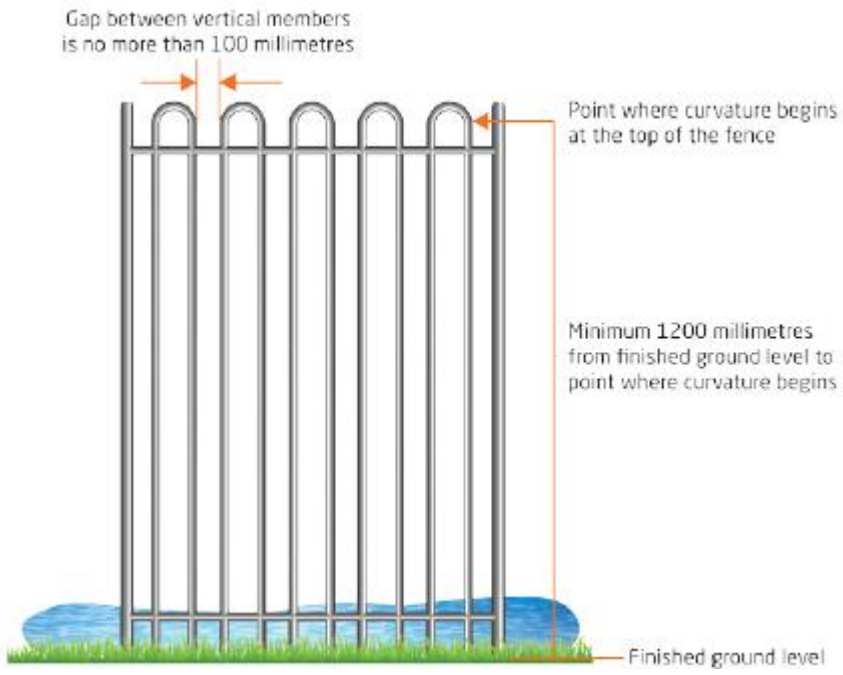
WINDOWS PROVIDING ACCESS TO POOL AREA

- sill height minimum 1200mm above floor level **OR** covered with bars (maximum 100mm apart) or a metal security screen that requires tools to remove **OR** permanently modified to not open more than 100mm

DOORS PROVIDING ACCESS TO POOL AREA (ONLY FOR POOLS APPROVED BEFORE 05/11/01)

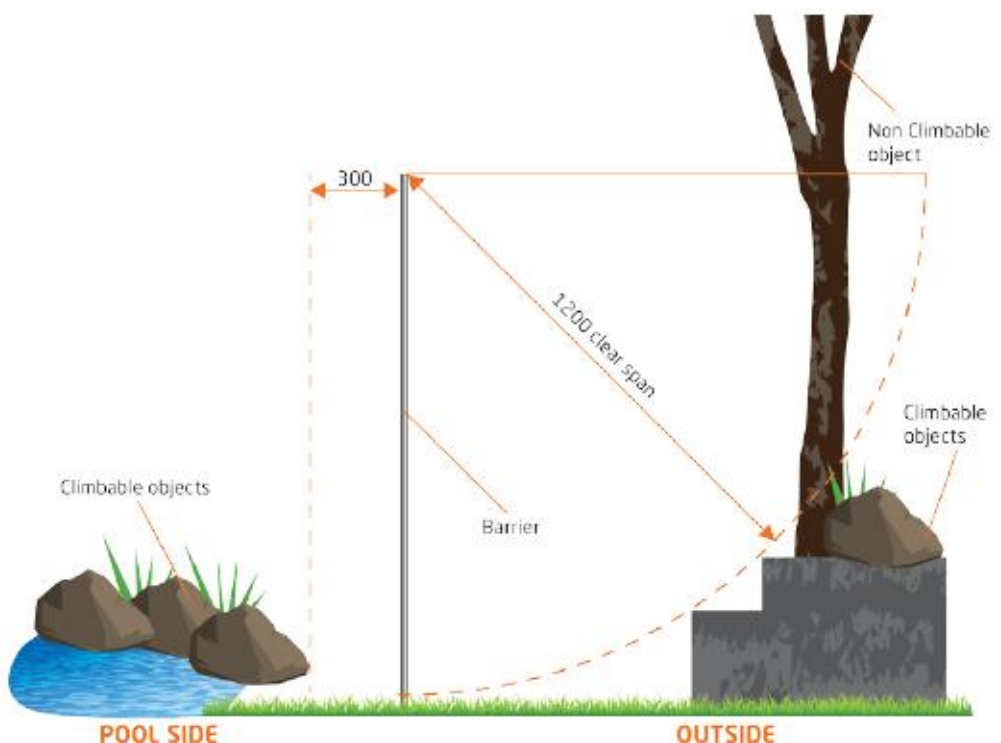
- open away from the pool
- self-close from ALL positions with a stationary start
- self-latch from ALL positions, including resting on the latch
- latch is at least 1500mm from ground level
- frame is free of handholds / footholds (i.e. projections and indentations greater than 10mm)

See over for explanatory diagrams



Non-climbable hinge

minimum height of internal barrier and maximum gap between vertical members



internal and external non-climbable zones