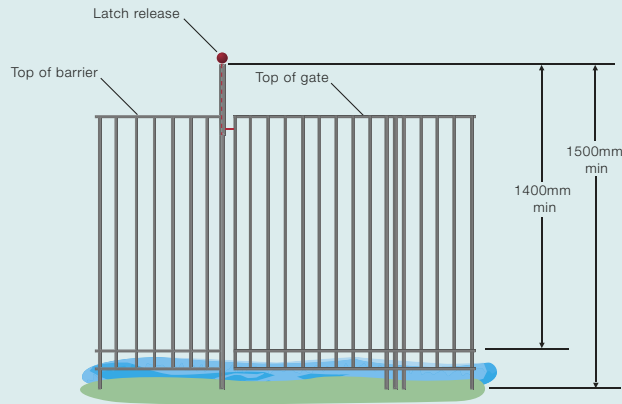
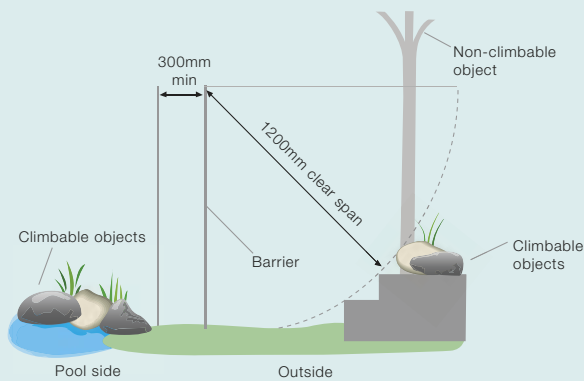


RULES FOR OLDER POOLS AND SPAS

Location of Latch



Climbable Objects



Your local council is required to inspect your pool at least once every four years. If it finds that your barrier does not meet the new requirements, the council may take action against you. This includes issuing you with a notice requiring you to comply with the requirements, issuing you with an infringement notice of up to \$200, or prosecuting you in court, which carries a maximum penalty of \$5000 plus \$250 for each day your barrier fails to meet the requirements.

Let's work together to reduce drownings in our community.

Prior to carrying out modifications or installing a new barrier, or if you need more information, please contact your local council for site specific information. You can also obtain information from the Department of Housing and Works swimming pool web page: http://www.dhw.wa.gov.au/193_361.asp.

There are links on this page to two more comprehensive brochures produced by the Department of Housing and Works called "Rules for Pools" and "Swimming Pool Checklist" which explain the new requirements in more detail.



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Rules for Pools



This brochure gives an overview of your responsibilities as a pool owner. The most important of these involves taking steps to ensure the safety of young children around the water. The State Government is committed to preventing young children from drowning in backyard pools. As part of this commitment, the Government will require owners of older pools to meet a higher standard for their swimming pool barrier.

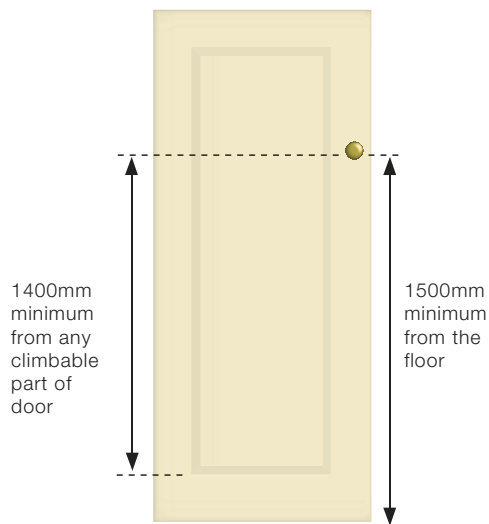
From **17 December 2006**, all owners of pools and spas installed before 1 July 1992 will be required to upgrade their pool or spa barrier to ensure it complies with the post 1 July 1992 standard for pool barriers. If the property is sold before **17 December 2006**, the new owner will be required to upgrade the swimming pool barrier to meet these requirements within **three months** of the date of settlement. If your pool was installed after 1 July 1992, your barrier should already comply with these requirements.



Your swimming pool barrier must restrict access by a young child to the pool from both outside the property and also from the dwelling on the property. It may consist of any combination of fencing, gates, doors or windows provided they comply with Australian Standard AS1926.1

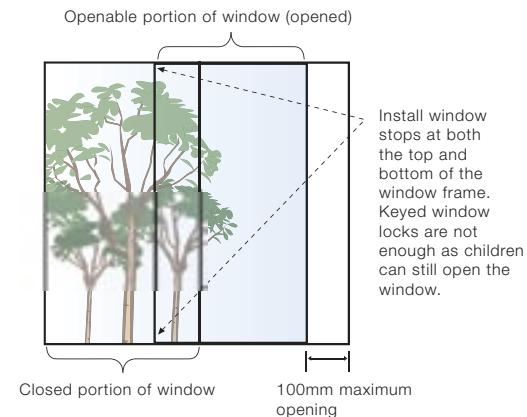
If you use doors in the barrier, they will need to be self-closing and self-latching, with the latch at least 1500mm above the floor, and 1400mm above any climbable part of the door. Windows forming part of the barrier must have a permanently fixed security screen fitted, or open no more than 100mm.

Effective Barrier Height for Doors



Example of compliant door: The door must be self closing and self latching, and any climbable part of the door must be at least 1400mm from the door latch. It is recommended that the door open away from the pool.

Barrier Compliance for Windows



If your barrier consists of fences and gates, the fencing must be at least 1200mm high, with no climbable objects situated within a 1200mm span from the top of the fence. Gaps in the fence must not exceed 100mm, and there must be a distance of 1100mm between the highest lower member and the top, and at least 900mm from the lowest upper member.

Effective Barrier Height

