



# CESSNOCK CITY COUNCIL SWIMMING POOL GENERIC CHECKLIST

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## DISCLAIMER

The information within this checklist will be applicable to the majority of swimming pool and/or spa situations. Due to changes in swimming pool legislation and standards over time, there may be additional requirements that apply to your particular swimming pool and/or spa situation. The information within this checklist does not substitute a comprehensive compliance inspection that can be undertaken by a Council officer.

## SWIMMING POOL GATE

- Gate must open outward from pool
- Gate must be self-closing and self-latching
- Latch must be more than 1.5m from the ground
- Gate must self-latch 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
Can the gate open and close freely without becoming held open on any object?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No – Remove obstruction
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

- Pool fencing is at least 1.2m high
- Boundary fences that form part of the pool fence should be at least 1.8m high
- No more than 100mm gaps under, through or around the fence
- No horizontal rails less than 900mm 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 fixed in place?	<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
Are all gaps under, through or around the fence panels 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
If the property boundary fence forms part of the pool fence, is there at least 900mm separation between any foothold and the top of the pool fence?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No – Remove hand or foot holds within 900mm of the top of the fence

## AROUND THE SWIMMING POOL FENCE

- Pool aids and toys should be stored securely and not left around the pool area
- Objects that could be used to climb the fence should be removed from the area

Have climbable objects within 500mm from the outside of the pool fence and 300mm from the inside of the fence been removed? i.e. chairs, ladders, trees, pot plants, BBQ's	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No – remove climbable objects away from pool 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 climbable shrubs near the fence been removed or trimmed so that there is a minimum 900mm separation from the top of the pool fence?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No – Trim trees and shrubs
Is there a Resuscitation (CPR) Chart in good readable condition visually displayed facing into the pool area?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No – Obtain and fix a chart facing into the pool area

## SPAS

- If a Spa is surrounded by a pool fence, the above checklist requirements apply. If no fence is provided, the following is required to be satisfied.

Is the spa covered by a child-resistant lockable lid?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No – Obtain an approved spa cover that is key lockable
Is there a Resuscitation (CPR) Chart in good readable condition visually displayed facing into the pool area?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No – Obtain and fix a chart facing into the spa area