



# POOL FENCE SAFETY CHECKLIST

Check the safety of your pool fence with these four easy steps.

Regular inspections of your pool fence are necessary to ensure unaccompanied young children do not gain access to the pool area. If you're unable to check off all items below ARC Fences recommends arranging for its immediate repair, replacement or removal.

## 1 Check the pool fence prevents small children from entering the pool

- Pool fence is at least 1200mm high from a solid ground surface at any point
- Space between the highest lower horizontal rails and the lowest upper horizontal rails is a minimum of 900mm
- Boundary fence is at least 1800mm from a solid ground surface at any point
- Gap under the fence is not more than 100mm from the ground
- Spacing between vertical rails is not more than 100mm
- There are no sharp edges, sharp projections, entrapping spaces or similar hazards along the fence

## 2 Check the pool gate

- Swings outwards only (away from the pool)
- Gap under the gate is not more than 100mm from the ground
- Is fitted with a self-closing device and will self-close and latch from any position
- Cannot be locked in an open position
- Gap between the latching side of gate and post is not more than 10mm
- Latch is a minimum of 1500mm above the ground and 1400mm above the highest lower horizontal rail
- If latch release is lower than 1500mm:
  - Appropriate shielding is required
  - Latch is mounted on the inside of the fence
  - Latch cannot be released by insertion of any implement through the 10mm gap

**3****Fences and gates must be in good condition to be effective**

- All fixtures and fittings are tight and secure
- Posts and gates are solid and free from excessive corrosion
- Footings and posts are firm in the ground and not removable
- Welds on panels are secure, unbroken and free from corrosion

**4****Pool surroundings**

- Chemicals, chairs and toys are stored in a safe area away from the pool
- Clothes lines, barbeques, trees or shrubs are away from fencing
- A resuscitation sign is displayed in the immediate vicinity of the pool area

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