

SLIDING DOORS/BIFOLDS GIVING ACCESS TO POOL

- Latch, tower bolt, or security lock at a minimum of 1.5m from the ground.

WINDOWS SILLS LESS THAN 1.2M ABOVE FLOOR GIVING ACCESS TO POOL AREA

- Limit to prevent window opening more than 100mm – security stays.

SPA POOLS; HOT TUBS; SMALL HEATED POOLS

- A pool fence is not required if a lockable lid is provided. This applies only if the top edge of the pool is equal to, or greater than 760mm above adjacent floor/deck/ground.
- If pool edge is less than 760mm above floor, deck or ground, pool *must* be fenced as per Building Regulations.



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SWIMMING POOL Fencing

Applies from 1 January 2026

SWIMMING POOL GATE GUIDELINES

- Latch on outside of gate, to be 1.5m high.
- Latch on pool side, access from outside to be 1.2m high.
- To open away from the pool.
- Remains latched when pulled both up and down.
- Closes and latches automatically when stationary and released 150mm from closed position.

SWIMMING POOL FENCE GUIDELINES

- 1.2m high, from outside ground level and permanent fixtures.
- 900mm minimum between horizontal rails.
- Gaps under fence less than 100mm.
- Mesh size no more than 10mm – 1.2m high.
- Mesh size no more than 50mm – 1.8m high.
- Mesh firmly attached top and bottom.
- Picket fence gaps no wider than 100mm.

PARA TYPE POOLS

- Sides to be 1.2m minimum from ground level.
- Smooth vertical sides.
- No climb point or external fixtures.
- Ladder to be removable.

EMPTY POOLS

- An empty pool that remains empty need not comply.

IMMEDIATE POOL AREA

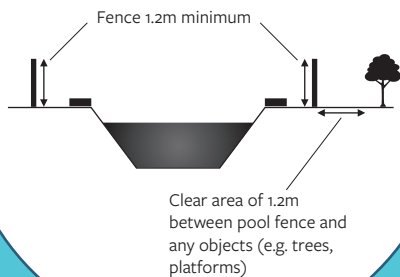
- Should only contain items used in activities – i.e. patio furniture, barbeque, pool equipment.

HINGED DOORS GIVING ACCESS TO POOL AREA

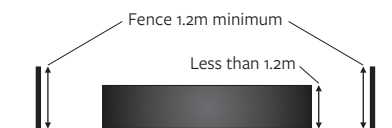
- Closes and latches automatically when stationary and released 150mm from closed position; or
- Latch/handle minimum of 1.5m from the bottom of door; or
- An audible alarm.
- No hold-open devices fitted.



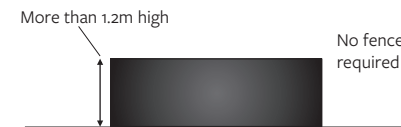
In-ground pools must be fenced



Pools less than 1.2m high require at least a 1.2m high fence

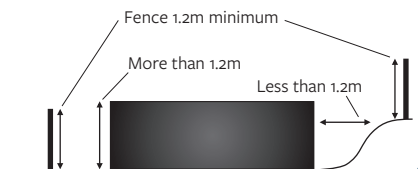


Pools with sides higher than 1.2m do not need fences



However, if the pool is not fenced, the pool ladder must be taken away when the pool is not being used. The pool sides must also be vertical and constructed to prevent climbing.

However, pools with sides higher than 1.2m that have raised ground or a platform within 1.2m of the pool must be fenced



FENCING REQUIREMENTS