

Swimming Pool / Spa Barrier Checklist

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

BARRIER DESIGN

- permanent, rigid, 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, 1800mm measured *inside* the pool area
 - climbable objects not located within 900mm of the top of the barrier
- *NOTE There is no requirement to modify your neighbours side of a common boundary fence which forms part of a pool barrier fence.*

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.)

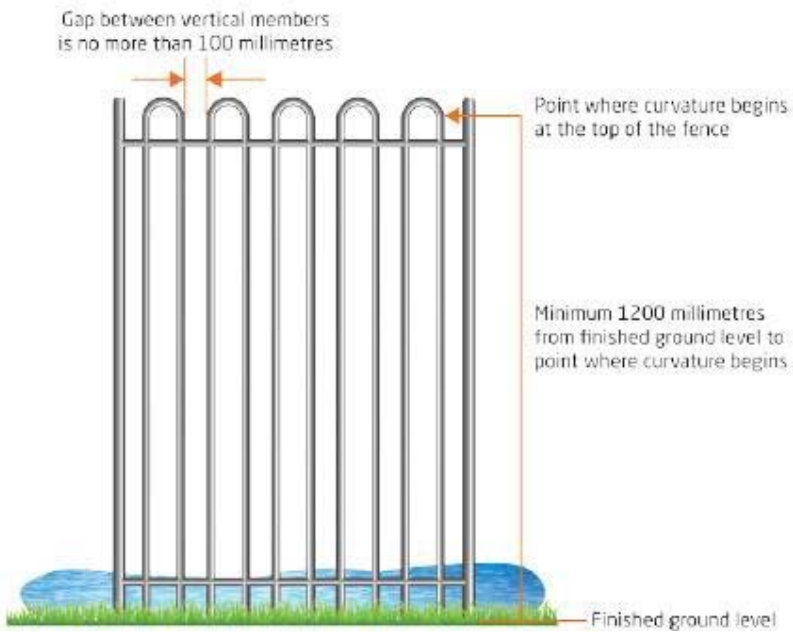
- not located within 900mm of the top of the barrier
- not located within 500mm of the outside of the barrier
- not located within 300mm of the inside of the barrier
- handholds / footholds (i.e. projections and indentations greater than 10mm) are no less than 900mm apart

WINDOWS PROVIDING ACCESS TO POOL AREA

- sill height minimum 1800mm above ground level **OR** covered with a metal security screen that requires tools to remove **OR** openable part permanently modified to not open more than 100mm.

DOORS PROVIDING ACCESS TO POOL AREA - Not permitted for pools approved after 5 November 2001

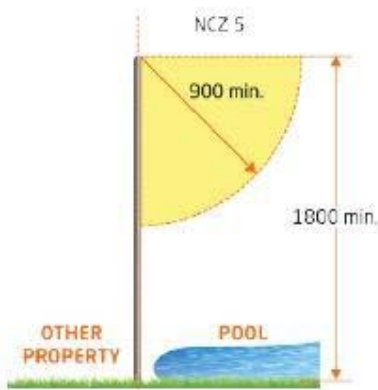
See over for explanatory diagrams



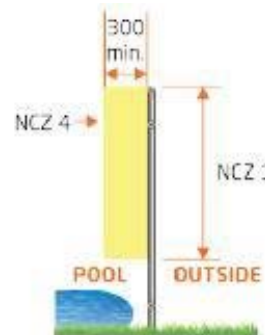
minimum height of internal barrier and maximum gap between vertical members



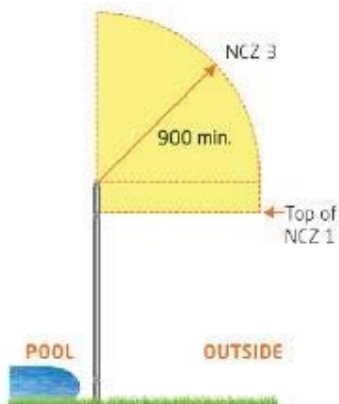
Non-climbable hinge



boundary fence forming part of the barrier



300mm non-climbable zone inside barrier



900mm non-climbable zone from top of barrier above



*900mm non-climbable zone from top of barrier outside
Nothing within 500mm of the outside of the barrier*