

Pool Checklist

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- ☐ The Fence
 - ☐ Should be at least 4 ft high.
 - ☐ Should have no gap or space larger than 100mm.
 - ☐ Should be made of netting, mesh or trellis with no holes larger than 10mm for a fence up to 6 ft high.
- ☐ The Rails
 - ☐ Make sure are on the pool side.
 - ☐ Ensure are more than 900mm apart.
 - ☐ Unclimbable.
- ☐ The Gates and Doors
 - ☐ Make sure they open away from the pool.
 - ☐ Ensure they shut automatically and be self-locking.
 - ☐ Have latches on the pool side or that are at least 5 ft high.
 - ☐ Ranch-sliders that have pool access must have locking bolts out of the reach of small children.
- ☐ Above Ground Pools
 - ☐ Have removable steps.
 - ☐ Have walls higher than 4 ft.
- ☐ Safety Tips
 - ☐ Maintain the fence and gate regularly.
 - ☐ Always make sure the pool gate is shut behind you.
 - ☐ Make sure other adults know not to prop open the gate.
 - ☐ Never have objects near the pool fence that children could climb or stand on.
 - ☐ Learn first aid and resuscitation and know what to do in a pool emergency.
 - ☐ Have a non-slip surface around the pool.
 - ☐ Never leave children unattended in or around the pool.
 - ☐ Keep the pool area clear - put away flotation aids and toys when they are not being used.