## Pool Checklist

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$\square$ The Fence
$\square$ Should be at least 4 ft high.
$\square$ Should have no gap or space larger than 100 mm .
$\square$ Should be made of netting, mesh or trellis with no holes larger than 10 mm for a fence up to 6 ft high.
$\square$ The Rails
$\square$ Make sure are on the pool side.
$\square$ Ensure are more than 900 mm apart.

- Unclimbable.
$\square$ The Gates and Doors
$\square$ Make sure they open away from the pool.
$\square$ Ensure they shut automatically and be self-locking.
$\square$ Have latches on the pool side or that are at least 5 ft high.
$\square$ Ranch-sliders that have pool access must have locking bolts out of the reach of small children.
$\square$ Above Ground Pools
$\square$ Have removable steps.
$\square$ Have walls higher than 4 ft .
$\square$ Safety Tips
$\square$ Maintain the fence and gate regularly.
$\square$ Always make sure the pool gate is shut behind you.
$\square$ Make sure other adults know not to prop open the gate.
$\square$ Never have objects near the pool fence that children could climb or stand on.
$\square$ Learn first aid and resuscitation and know what to do in a pool emergency.
$\square$ Have a non-slip surface around the pool.
$\square$ Never leave children unattended in or around the pool.
$\square$ Keep the pool area clear - put away flotation aids and toys when they are not being used.

