

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.