

# 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.