

# SWIMMING POOL SAFETY CHECKLIST.

## Keep your home safe!



## GATE SAFETY

### Gate Orientation:

- The gate must open outward from the pool area.

### Self-Closing and Self-Latching:

- The gate must be self-closing and self-latching.
- The latch should be positioned at a height of more than 1.5 meters from the ground.
- Ensure that the gate latches shut on the first swing.

### Gate Movement:

- Does the gate swing back to the closed position after being opened?  
If not, consider replacing the hinges.
- Does the gate latch and stay closed after returning to the closed position?  
If not, consider replacing the latch.

### Security:

- Is the gate secure so that it cannot be pulled open once latched?  
If not, take steps to fix or replace the latch.
- Is the gate secure and resistant to opening if a child bounces on the bottom rail?  
If not, fix or replacing the latch.

### Awareness:

- Are you aware of the dangers of propping the gate open?
- Remember to never prop the gate open.

### Gap Size:

- Is the gap between the gate and the fence less than 100mm?  
If not, take measures to reduce the gap.

### Gate Condition:

- The gate should be secure and in good working order.
- It must be at least 1.2 meters high.
- Ensure there are no vertical gaps more than 100mm apart.

### Ground Clearance:

- The fence should be no more than 100mm from the ground.
- Check the distance between the bottom rail and the ground to ensure compliance.

### Panel Integrity:

- Are all of the fence panels in place?  
If not, consider replacing the missing panels.
- Are all of the fence panels securely attached?  
If not, take steps to secure the panels.

### Gap Inspection:

- Have you checked the fence for gaps or holes?  
If gaps or holes are found, promptly address and fix them.

### Screw Maintenance:

- Have you checked for rusted, loose, or missing screws?  
If any issues are detected, check and replace the screws.

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## YARD

### Secure Pool Aids and Toys:

- Store pool aids and toys securely and out of view when not in use.

### Remove Climbable Objects:

- Remove objects that could be used to climb the fence, such as chairs, ladders, trees, pot plants, and BBQs.
- Have climbable objects near the pool fence been removed?  
If not, take steps to store objects away from the fence.

### Toy Maintenance:

- Always remove toys from the pool and store them securely after use.
- Are toys always removed from the pool and stored securely after use?  
If not, make sure to store toys securely.

### Trim Trees and Shrubs:

- Trim trees and shrubs near the fence so that children cannot use them to climb over.
- Have trees or shrubs near the fence been trimmed?  
If not, take action to trim trees and shrubs.

## SUPERVISION

### Adult supervision:

- In combination with pool fencing, this is the most effective method of preventing child drowning.

### Stay within arms reach:

- When using the pool, always stay within arms' reach of any child under 5 years of age.
- Are you always within arms' reach of your child under 5 when they are around water?  
If not, remember to always supervise your child around water.

### Be aware of the dangers:

- Of leaving older children to supervise younger children when they are using the pool.
- Are you aware of this risk?
- An adult should always be supervising children to ensure safety.

### During parties:

- Designate an adult child supervisor to oversee duties around the pool.
- Is there an adult assigned to supervise children during parties?
- Remember, an adult should always be supervising children to maintain safety.

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## EMERGENCY PREPARATION

### CPR and First Aid Skills:

- Ensure that you and your family members have up-to-date CPR and First Aid skills.
- If not, consider enrolling in a CPR or First Aid course. Visit Royal Life Saving's website to book a course.

### First Aid Kit:

- Does your house have a First Aid Kit readily available?  
If not, make sure to purchase a First Aid Kit for emergencies.

### Resuscitation Sign:

- Is there a current Resuscitation Sign displayed prominently in the pool area?  
If not, take action to buy and install a Resuscitation Sign.

## CHEMICALS

### Storage and Accessibility:

- Ensure that pool chemicals are stored securely, out of view, and out of reach of children.
- Do you currently store chemicals out of reach of children?  
If not, remember to always store chemicals out of reach of children.

## ELECTRICITY

### Electricity and Water:

- Remember that electricity and water do not mix. Always exercise caution around electrical appliances and water sources.

### Residual Current Device (RCD) or Residual Current Circuit Breaker (RCCB):

- Having an RCD or RCCB can save lives by quickly detecting and interrupting electrical faults.
- Do you currently have an RCD or RCCB installed on your power supply?  
If not, consider having one installed to enhance safety.



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