

Print out this checklist and tick off each point as you inspect your pool fence, gate, latches and hinges.



BLUEPRINT TO POOL FENCE SAFETY



The GATE MUST...

- open outward, away from the pool
- be self-closing and self-latching
- have the latch release knob a minimum 1,500mm from the ground surface*
- latch from any position, including from resting on the latching mechanism (without the need for manual force)
- not be able to be shaken or jolted open
- not have items around that could prop or hold gate open
- have a latch that can be key-lockable when not in use

* If the latch is located inside the pool gate, ensure it is 150mm below the top of the gate and is adequately shielded from reach by toddlers (e.g. by using acrylic shields)

Gate HINGES SHOULD...

- be tension-adjustable (controlled self-closing)
- be maintained for reliable operation
- be free of rust, binding, sagging & staining
- be adjustable to overcome gate sag & misalignment
- not act as a toehold for toddlers (bottom hinge mainly)

Gate LATCHES SHOULD...

- offer no mechanical resistance to closure (*Laurie's preference is a Magna•Latch® Magnetic Gate Latch*)
- be adjustable to overcome gate sag & misalignment
- be maintained for reliable operation
- be key-lockable for added security

4-side isolation fencing is the safest fencing solution

The FENCE MUST...

- be at least 1,200mm high in all places
- be secure, with no loose components or members
- have no vertical gaps more than 100mm apart
- have no bottom rail higher than 100mm from the ground surface
- have at least 1,000mm distance between top of fence & lowest horizontal member
- have 900mm minimum distance between horizontal members
- have no furniture, pot plants, vines, trees, pool aids, BBQs, etc. that could be used as climbing points, closer than 900mm
- carry a clearly visible and approved CPR poster

We've got to look after our kids!

IMPORTANT: The above Checklist represents common safety aspects only. Pool fence safety Standards, Codes and requirements can vary from region to region, so for compliance information on pool fence and gate safety in your area please consult the appropriate authorities.