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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	Gate LATCHES SHOULD
open outward, away from the pool be self-closing and self-latching	offer no mechanical resistance to closure (Laurie's preference is a Magna•Latch® Magnetic Gate Latch)
have the latch release knob a minimum 1,500mm from the ground surface* latch from any position, including from resting on the	be adjustable to overcome gate sag & misalignment be maintained for reliable operation be key-lockable for added security
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)	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
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)	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
inor act as a rochola for roughers (someth fillinge mainly)	carry a clearly visible and approved CPR poster

We've got to look after our kids!