

# SUMMER IS COMING

**Make sure your summer is one to remember for all the right reasons by carrying out a few simple checks.**

Actively checking your pool/spa barrier and surrounds could save a life.

- The effective pool/spa height must be not less than 1,200mm high from above the ground and is to include a continuous non-climbable zone around the entire pool/spa fence
- Gates should open outwards away from the pool/spa area, and must be self-closing and self-latching from all open positionins - replace immediately if it no longer self-latches
- The gate latch is to be a minimum of 1,500mm when measured from the ground to the bottom of the latch to prevent unsupervised access by young children
- Look for signs of deterioration such as rust, loose hinges or broken panels and arrange for immediate repair
- Climbable objects such as furniture, trees, branches, shrubs, plants, pool toys or any other obstructions around the fence that a child can use to climb over the fence or open the gate to gain access to the pool/spa area, are to be moved a minimum of 300mm away from the fence
- Ensure that your pool/spa is recorded on the Queensland Building and Construction Commission (QBCC) Pools Register ([My.qbcc.qld.gov.au](http://My.qbcc.qld.gov.au)). If the pool/spa has been constructed, or if the property has recently been sold or rented, a Pool Safety Certificate should be recorded.

*The above safety checks are a guide only and do not constitute acknowledgment or approval of compliance or safety.*

**For more info about pool safety and legislative requirements, visit [lpswich.qld.gov.au/poolsafe](http://lpswich.qld.gov.au/poolsafe)**



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