

## LEARN CPR AND TO SWIM

Swimming is an important life skill which builds water confidence and is the first step when it comes to teaching your children water awareness.

Swimming lessons as well as water safety skills are available to children to help build assurance and encourages them to be comfortable in the water.

A child that experiences immersion and survives may suffer from long term medical issues.

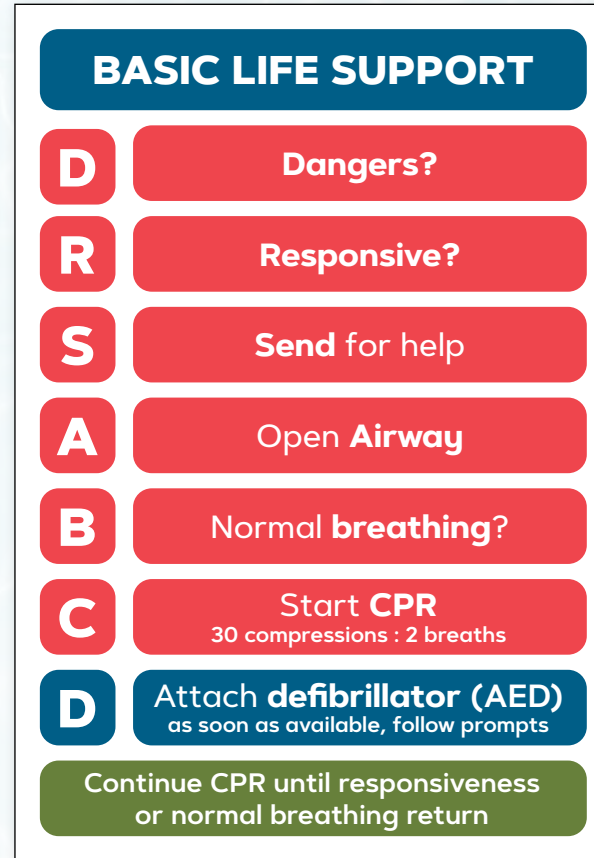
The earlier your child is introduced to water, the more likely they will develop water safety and swimming skills which are vital lifesaving skills.



A CPR Sign must display the following criteria and must:

- be attached to the barrier, or displayed near the pool, and the sign is conspicuous and easily visible to anyone near the pool
- be at least 300mm x 300mm in size
- be made of durable and weatherproof material
- each diagram or letter on the sign must be durable, legible and clearly visible.

CPR Sign example:



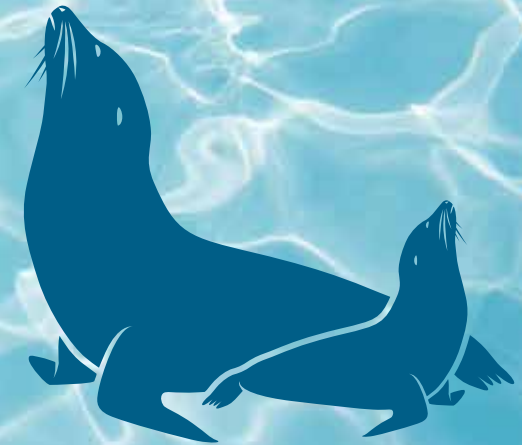
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# Pool Safety

- S** **UPERVISE**  
around the pool
- E** **NCLOSE**  
the pool with a fence
- A** **CTIVELY**  
check the pool gate and fence
- L** **EARN**  
CPR and to swim



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## SUPERVISE IN THE POOL

Drowning is one of the leading causes of death for children under the age of five in Queensland. Active adult supervision, swimming lessons, learning basic CPR and having compliant pool fencing, can save lives.

Supervision means continually watching your children and keeping children within arm's reach.

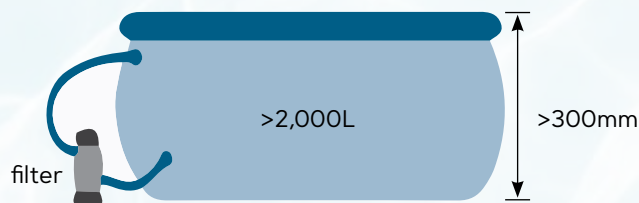
A child or toddler can drown within 20 seconds, in as little as 50mm's of water. Child drowning is silent. For more information visit [qfcc.qld.gov.au](http://qfcc.qld.gov.au).



## ENCLOSE THE POOL WITH A FENCE

Queensland pool safety laws define a regulated swimming pool as a private pool or spa on a residential premise that meets ANY ONE of the following criteria:

- capable of holding water to a depth greater than 300mm
- has the capacity to hold over 2,000litres of water
- has a filtration system.



## ACTIVELY CHECK POOL GATE AND FENCE

Things to check for to ensure your pool is safe all year round:

- Does the gate open outwards away from the swimming pool or spa enclosure?
- Is the latch a minimum of 1,500mm above the ground?
- Does the gate self-latch and self-close?
- Does the gate shut from any angle?
- Does there appear to be any rust on the gate or fence?
- Are all windows and doors permanently fixed with security screens, so children are not able to access the pool area?
- Are there no gaps greater than 100mm anywhere in fence?
- Is the fence at least a minimum of 1,200mm high from above the ground?
- Are the hinges 900mm apart, from top of the hinge to the top of the lower hinge?
- Are there any branches, trees, shrubs, plants, chairs, pool toys or any other obstructions around the fence that a child can use to climb the fence?
- Do you ensure your gate is never propped open?
- Do you ensure children are actively supervised when in or around the pool?
- Is your pool registered with QBCC? (see [qbcc.qld.gov.au](http://qbcc.qld.gov.au))

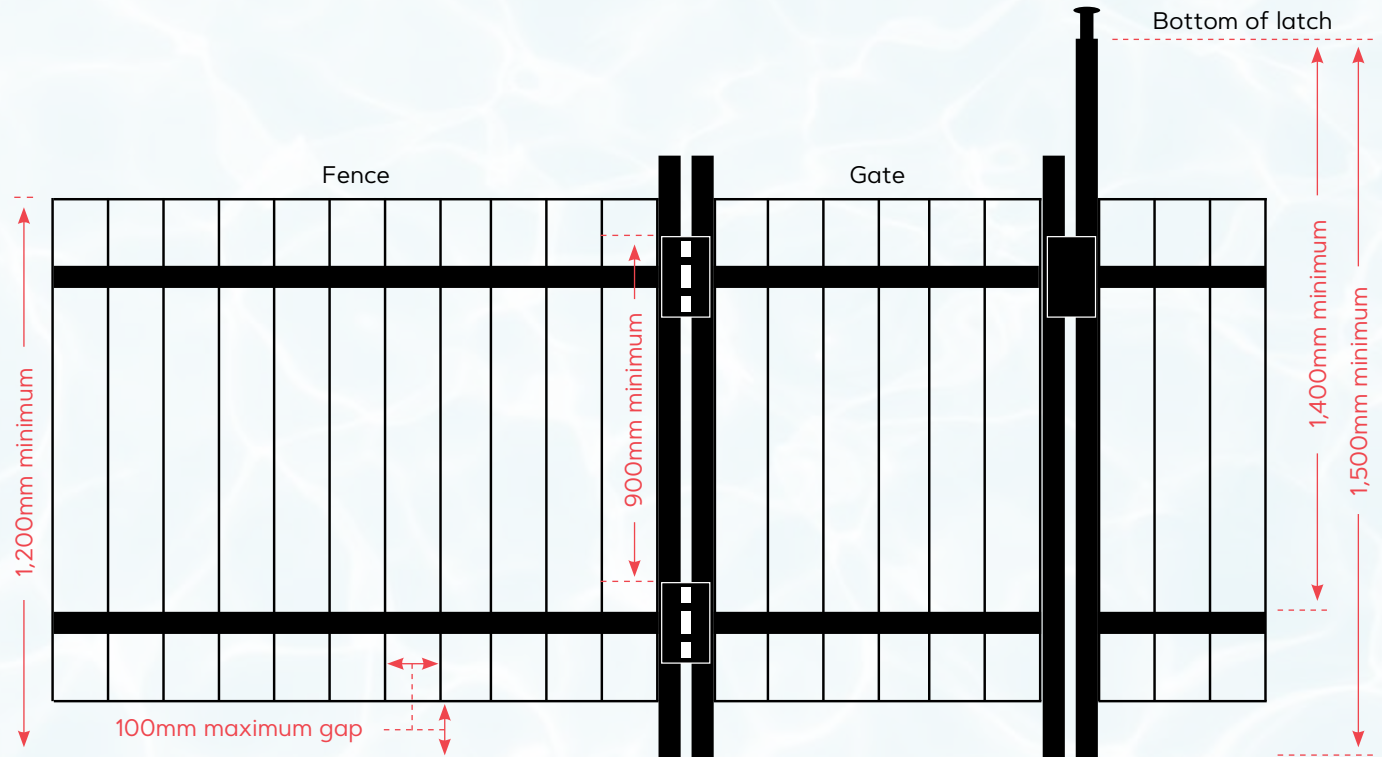


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