

POOL AND SPA FENCING GUIDELINES

GENERAL

All Pool and Spas barriers must be compliant with Australian Standard AS1926.1 – 2003.

Barriers must be provided for all swimming pools or spas exceeding 300mm in depth. This includes portable spas, inflatable pools and above ground pools.

Fencing should be designed and constructed to form an effective barrier to young children.

Fencing must be a permanent structure, which can be constructed of any type of material provided the finished product complies with the Australian Standard.

HEIGHT

The effective fencing height shall be not less than 1.2m at any point.

PERFORATED MATERIAL OR MESH

Fencing using perforated materials or mesh with gaps not greater than 13mm can have an effective fencing height of not less than 1.2m. If the gap is greater than 13mm but less than 100mm the effective fencing height shall not be less than 2.4m.

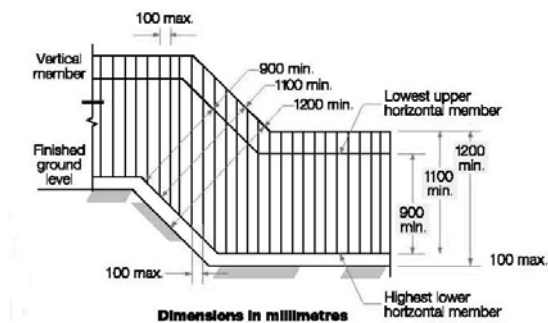
Fencing using mesh must have a strainer wire or rail at the top and bottom of the fencing.

GROUND CLEARANCE

The gap between ground level and the lowest horizontal member shall not exceed 100mm

CLIMABLE OBJECTS

There must be 1.2m clear span between the fence and any climbable objects on the outside of the fencing. Any horizontal objects located near the inside of the fence must be at least 300mm away from the fence. E.g. Trees, filters, play equipment, steps.



HORIZONTAL MEMBERS (Rails, Rods, Wires or bracings)

Horizontal members shall not be less than 900mm apart and shall be located on the inside of the fence.

VERTICAL MEMBERS

Spacing between uprights must not exceed 100mm at any point.

ABOVE GROUND POOLS

The walls of an above ground pool can be used as an effective barrier providing they are at least 1.2m high and there are no climbable projections or indentations. A fence and gate that complies with the Australian standard must be fitted around the ladder or filter (if the filter is within 1.2m of the pool).

GATES AND FITTINGS

Gates shall be hung so they can only swing outwards (away from the pool). All gates shall be fitted with self closing device that will return the gate to the closed position and operate the latching device.

Gates must be fitted with a latching device which will automatically latch on closing of the gate and be unable to be reopened without latch being manually released. When the gate is closed the latch must not be able to be released by insertion of an implement between the 10mm gap (particularly from beneath the mechanism).

The latching device must be located at least 1.5m above finished ground level.

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