



## MP Pool safety and Services compliance Checklist

At MP Pool safety and Services, our priority is your safety, so please ask yourself this today:

### **DOES MY POOL COMPLY?**

The QBCC standard covers such things as the height and strength of barriers, non-climbable zones, gates and their latching requirements and preventing direct access from a building into a pool area.

### **POOL BARRIERS OR FENCES**

1. minimum barrier height from finished ground level to the top of the barrier is 1200mm.
2. if the sides of your aboveground pool or spa are 1200mm high and non-climbable, the sides can form part of the barrier and there must also be a designated access point with a compliant barrier and gate around it.
3. maximum allowable gap from finished ground level to the bottom of any barrier is 100mm.
4. gaps between vertical members must not exceed 100mm.
5. if there are horizontals within the 900mm non-climbable zone, the gaps between verticals must not exceed 10mm and the horizontals must have 60-degree fillet attached.
6. climbable objects must be at least 900mm away from the pool barrier on the outside and 300mm on the inside.
7. no objects (decks, sills, etc.) can be so close as to reduce the minimum 1200mm fence height.
8. if it is not possible to achieve a 900mm no climbable zone on the outside, then the fence height can be raised to 1800mm and a 900mm no climbable zone created at the top on the inside, with no objects like decks below the no climbable zone that would reduce the 1800mm height/drop from the top of the fence.
9. even spas with lockable lids need a compliant barrier.

### **POOL BARRIER GATES**

1. pool gates must not open toward the pool area.
2. pool gates must be self-closing and latching from all positions.
3. the bottom of any latch release mechanism on the outside of the gate must be at least 1500mm above the ground and 1400mm above the top of the highest lower horizontal member.



4. pool gate hinges must be at least 900mm apart or the lower hinge must have a no climbable (sixty degree) safety cap affixed to prevent climbing.
5. any latches inside the gate must be at least 150mm below the top of the gate (or any hand-hole) and be shielded with a 450mm radius with no gaps greater than 10mm.

## DOOR AND WINDOWS

1. there is no direct access through a door from the house to the pool area.
2. windows opening onto the pool area must not open more than 100mm or must be security screened.

## Balconies, Patios, Decks, and Pergolas

1. **Balustrade Compliance:**  
Any balcony located over or within 900mm of a swimming pool barrier must have a balustrade that complies with the pool safety standard.
2. **Integration with Pool Barriers:**  
Where a balcony, patio, deck, or pergola forms part of the pool barrier, one side must remain permanently open to ensure unobstructed visibility and adequate supervision of the pool area.

## SIGNAGE

1. a compliant CPR sign must be displayed and either be attached to the barrier for the pool, or displayed near the pool, so that the sign is conspicuous and easily visible to anyone near the pool.

## REFERENCE MATERIAL

[QLD Government Pool Laws and Standards](#)

[QBCC Pool Safety Standard](#)

Queensland Legislation: [MP 3.4—Swimming pool barriers \(PDF, 2 MB\)](#).