

Pools and Spas on Rental Properties

Your responsibilities as a tenant

All pools and spas located on rental properties must be certified under the *Swimming Pool Safety Act*. This is to ensure the safety of children, particularly those under the age of 5 years.

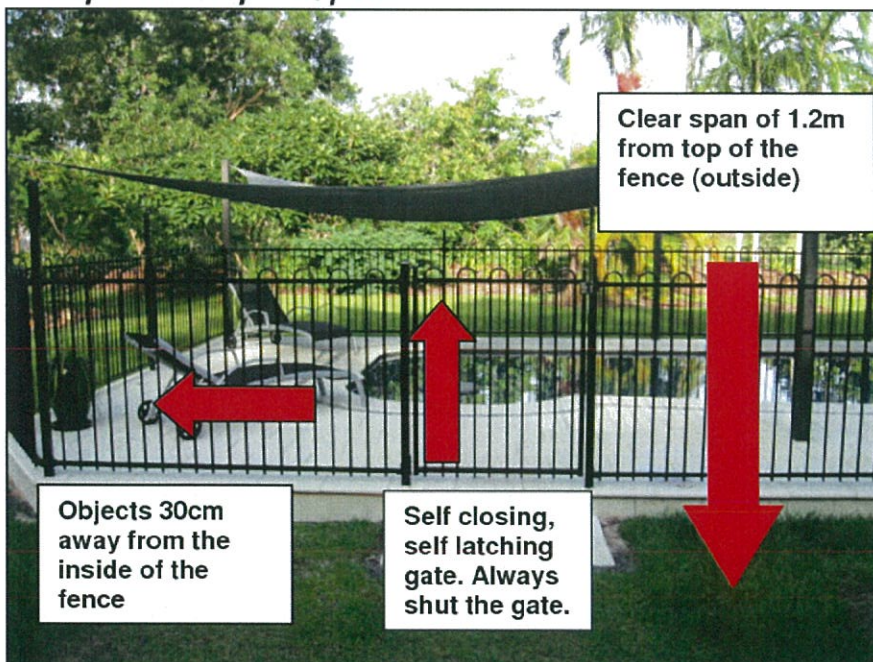
Even though a pool or spa maybe compliant, it doesn't mean that it is drown proof. As a tenant it is your responsibility to ensure that:

- ✓ gates are never propped open
- ✓ there are no climbable objects located 1.2m from the outside of the fence when measured from the top of the fencing
- ✓ there are no items within 30cm of the inside of the fence (eg tables, chairs, pot plants)
- ✓ the latching device on doors and/or gates are maintained and cleaned regularly so that it is self closing and self latching at all times
- ✓ if you purchase a portable pool or spa (including blow up pools) that is capable of holding 30cm or more of water, it is required by law to be fenced

As a tenant it is your responsibility to report any maintenance and safety issues such as faulty latches and gates to your Property Manager as a matter of priority.

Drowning is silent, so supervision of children in and around water is vital. If you have children under 5 years, they can participate in the Water Safety Awareness Program, a free water safety program for children to gain confidence and vital water safety skills.

Example of compliant pool



For more information or to register for the Water Safety Awareness Program contact the Water Safety Branch
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