

HOME OWNERS & TENANTS:

Advise your Agent immediately of any default or problem with your pool gate, locking mechanism, hinges, pool fence panels or the boundary fences or other safety concerns regarding the pool.

If in doubt ASK a question

Your pool fence must be in working order/compliant at all times. Report damage immediately because it reduces its effectiveness and safety.

OWNERS: FIX YOUR FAULTS IMMEDIATELY

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**IN AN EMERGENCY
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HOME SAFETY

Always Supervise children in the bath. Never leave young children to supervise other younger children around water.

DO NOT leave the plug in the bath always empty the bath/internal spa bath

DO NOT leave Mop buckets unattended and ensure pet bowls water are secure away toddlers

Other dangers in your home include:

Kitchen areas—Hot water, Stoves

Cars/Driveways

Blind Cords & Window screens

Lounge Room—TV's, Cabinets/Glass Tables

(ensure your TV is attached by approved straps to prevent them from falling onto young children)



DO Plan Emergency Procedures and Always refresh your CPR skills

Install a 2nd door handle/lock at 1.7m on doors to the laundry, toilet, bathrooms and internal garage doors to restrict/prevent access to children

Drowning Prevention

Pool & Water Safety

Information Booklet

Aim: To provide education to home owners and tenants to identify potential risks around water, raise awareness to drowning prevention around the home and reduce drownings in Australia



“There is no cure for drowning only prevention”

“Rebuilding lives after tragedy”™

Hannah's Foundation

Hannah's Foundation is Australia's only registered charity supporting families after water tragedies. They are also Australia's leading advocacy group and providing educational material to the public and Industries regarding water safety and drowning prevention strategies.

Campaigns are directed at Community Education *to all adults and children on drowning prevention*. This brochure is an initiative to provide information on the possible dangers in the home and strategies for preventing further risks around water.

For further information on Hannah's Foundation please log on to our website:

www.hannahsfoundation.org.au

PORTABLE/BLOW UP POOLS

The law states that Portable Pools require a certified fence. All portable/blow up pools more than 30cm in depth, capacity 2000 litres and a filtration system must be fenced.

NOTE: this includes retail purchased pools that do not require a building application

An unfenced water source of any type is a DANGER TO LIFE and IMPOSES SIGNIFICANT RISKS

Drowning in Australia

In Australia over 30 children a year drown, the majority of them in the backyard swimming pools and home baths.

Over twice this figure are injured and require constant 24 hour care or learning support.

Don't let your child become a statistic.

Engage in drowning prevention strategies to help save young lives and reduce injury.

“Supervise with your eyes, not ears, you WON'T hear drowning”™

Drowning is silent, there is no splashing, not a sound. Follow these steps to ensure safety around your pool and within the home.

Supervision is the key Preventative measure.

**ALWAYS SUPERVISE
AROUND WATER,
NEVER LEAVE A CHILD
UNATTENDED IN WATER OR ALONE IN A
YARD WITH A POOL.**

All gates must be self closing

Remove all toys from the pool

Remind older children to never open the pool gate or allow other children in the pool area without an adult

CPR Sign is always to be erected in the pool area—**Plan your Emergency Procedures and Always refresh your CPR skills**

Advise all visitors that you have a pool on the property

Regularly check the pool fence. A check list is available from Mypoolinspection.com.au is available to home owners/tenants to be downloaded. If you tick NO on any question contact your agent immediately.

Check your pool fence every three months or after a Storm or Extreme Hot Weather.

IMPORTANT SAFETY Information—The Do Nots

Do not place objects on the Fence such as pot plants hanging, clothes, toys, ladders, bins, any object that distorts your view of the area of the water and impedes on the barriers of the fence or places a weight stress on the fence.

Do not place objects within 1.2m or 1200mm outside the fence; this includes trampolines, garbage bins, swing sets, dog kennels, kids toys, pot plants or any other object that may be climbed by a young child.

Do not place objects INSIDE the pool fence 30cm or 300m. Items such as chairs, toys, pot plants BBQ's or any other object needs to be OUTSIDE this measurement in the pool area.

Do not tie dogs or other animals to a pool fence panel or pole that is part of the pool fence.

Do not secure items during storms on a pool fence. Report all **STORM damage and impacts to the pool fence to your renting agent immediately if you are a tenant and for owners, repair the breakages immediately.**

Do not PROP open the pool gate with any objects.

Do not kick balls on the against the fence this reduces its strength

Do not allow animals in the pool area.

Do not Climb the pool fence

Do not Stand on the gate

Do not Jump on the bottom of the gate/swing off it

Do Not allow a child under 16 to open the Pool gate without Adult permission

Do not drink alcohol and swim whilst intoxicated

DO NOT swim unsupervised if you have a medical condition, (eg epilepsy, heart condition etc) be aware of the impact that it can have on your ability to swim in the water, always swim supervised

DO NOT swim in the dark – Make sure all lights are working around the pool area

Do not remove/alter any part of the pool fence or gate

Do not leave glass/have glass near the water area of the pool

NOTE:

Every household is encouraged during Pool parties/BBQ's etc ensure that you have **TWO** people that are designated Pool Water Watches. It is highly recommended that **ONE** person in the home holds current CPR qualification