

For more information and advice

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Written guides and useful information can be found on the Ministry of Business, Innovation, Employment website

↩ <https://www.building.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/building-code-compliance/f-safety-of-users/f9-restricting-access-residential-pools/asvm/f9-restricting-access-to-residential-pools.pdf>

↩ <https://www.building.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/f-safety-of-users/pool-safety/guidance-for-pool-owners/>

Pool Safety Checklist

Carry out these checks at least once a year.

If the pool has been legalised after January 2017 some of the items in the list below will not apply. Please read F9 (link above) to fully understand the requirements from 2017 onwards.

Is my pool safe?

	Yes	No
1. Is the fence at least 1.2m high?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Are the fence palings vertical and climb-proof?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Are there any gaps greater than 100mm in the fencing?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Do gates open outwards?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Do gates shut automatically? (As per security and locking requirements)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Are gate latches self-locking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Are there top bolts on ranch sliders or a compliant door alarm that prevents access to the pool?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Are the steps for a Para-type pool removed when the pool is not in use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Are any climbable objects at least 1.2m away from the pool fence as per 'climbable objects ' If the pool fence is on a boundary, check the neighbour's side also.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Spa Pools

10. Is the pool less than 5m ² ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Does it have a compliant lockable lid?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Is it at least 760mm high and unclimbable?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Is it 1200mm away from any climbable object?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

General Safety Issues

14. Does the pool surround have a non-slip surface?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Is there a first aid kit available?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. Are pool chemicals stored safely?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. Do you have safety signage for emergencies?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you answered 'no' to any of the first 13 questions please contact Council's Building Team on 869 2386.