

SWIMMING POOL AND/OR SPA SAFETY BARRIER POLICY

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Related Policies:	Nil
Applicable to Unit(s):	Municipal Services
Responsible Officer:	Manager Municipal Services
Statutory Reference:	<i>Building Act 1993</i> Building Interim Regulations 2017

OVERVIEW

To provide clarity and consistency around the provision of safety barriers around swimming pools and/or spas.

THE POLICY

To establish policy for the management and consistent approach the provision and maintenance of safety barriers around swimming pool and/or spas. Council recognises and accepts that a swimming pool and/or spa that does not have suitable safety barriers represents a danger to young children. Council also recognises and accepts that action is required pursuant to the *Building Act 1993* to remove the danger.

Council has safety information and self-assessment sheets relating to the requirements of the provision and maintenance of safety barriers around swimming pools and/or spas. A series of articles on safety barriers around swimming pools and/or spas must be routinely prepared for release to the media.

The Building Interim Regulations 2017 requires swimming pools and/or spas that were installed or approved to be installed, prior to 1991 have safety barriers to restrict the access to the part of the allotment containing the swimming pool and/or spa. Swimming pools and/or spas constructed after that date must have erected barriers as part of the construction. Installed safety barriers must be maintained and effectively operational at all times.

Council will ensure:

1. When Council are made aware of a swimming pool and/or spa, the property will be identified, and details recorded for future audits.
2. The landowner will be advised in writing of forthcoming inspection regime of the swimming pool and/or spa safety barriers.
3. Following the inspection, the landowner will be notified in writing and follow up actions may be required.
4. A second and third inspection may be necessary to ensure compliance is met
5. Enforcement
 - a. Should the third inspection fail, a minor works order will be issued, and infringement notice may also be issued.
 - b. Should further audits fail to comply then legal proceedings will commence.

Related Documents

Type:	Details:
Procedure	Nil
Guideline	Nil
Strategy	