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WATER SAFETY

SWIMMING POOL FENCING

Information for
Contractors/Builders when installing
or constructing a new swimming
pool/spa



What if I decide to construct or install my own swimming pool/spa?

If the owner of the property decides to construct or install a swimming pool or spa, then all of the contractor's obligations (and penalties) rest with the owner.

Where can I get more advice?

Water Safety Branch

ph: 1300 301 059

fax: 08 8999 8520

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GPO Box 4621, Darwin NT 0801

www.nt.gov.au/watersafety

a safe pool, is a cool pool

Information for Contractors/Owner-Builders when installing or constructing a new swimming pool/spa.

Under the *Swimming Pool Safety Act 2004* all swimming pools/spas constructed or installed after 1 January 2003 on small premises (less than 1.8 hectares) must hold a Compliance Certificate issued by the Swimming Pool Safety Authority.

Before construction/installation commences what do I need to do?

- The owner of the premises where the swimming pool/spa is to be installed should have applied for and received an Interim Compliance Certificate (N3) from the Swimming Pool Safety Authority.
- This will have the information needed for you to fill out the Contractor Notification form (N2) fully and return to the Water Safety Branch.
- If the owner cannot provide the Interim Compliance Certificate, please complete and return the Contractors Notification form (N2) before commencing work. This will ensure that your firm complies with the requirements of Section 15(2) of the *Swimming Pool Safety Act 2004*.

If this requirement is not followed then the following penalties may apply:

- If the offender is a natural person - 10 penalty units (currently \$1,100.00)
- If the offender is a body corporate - 100 penalty units (currently \$11,000.00)

The swimming pool or spa is to be located in a position that will enable the swimming pool/spa to be enclosed in accordance with the modified Australian Standard.

Contractors will need to ensure that the construction of the swimming pool/spa is in accordance with the particulars and conditions on the Interim Compliance Certificate for that property. If construction or installation does not follow these details then penalties may apply.