

# 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.

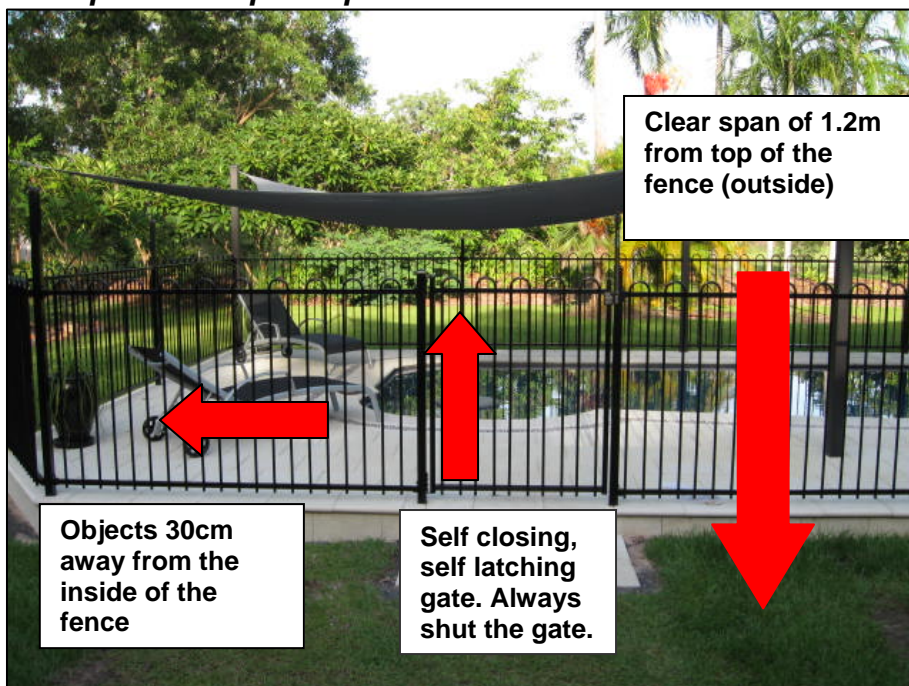
Even though a pool or spa maybe compliant, it doesn't mean that it is drown proof. As a tenant it is your responsibility to ensure that:

- ✓ 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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