

A Building Consent is required to Install a Swimming Pool

POOL SAFETY

From 1st January 2017, pools are required to meet the Building (Pools) Amendment Act 2016.

Pool safety barriers are now regulated by the Building Act 2004, under provisions of Clause F9 of the New Zealand Building Code (Building Regulations)

Please refer to the legislation and check with your local council for full details.

Swimming Pools and Spas Pools require a building consent to install. This will require a pool fence to comply with the Act. "Pools" are all pools that have the capability of water depth greater than 400 mm

Gates or doors entering the immediate pool area must have self closure devices.

Please refer to the below check list

CHECK LIST

- The height of the fence is not less than 1.2 metres.
- There is no gap or space in the fence greater than 100mm.
- The fence rails are on the pool side of the fence.
- If the rails are on the outside of the fence they need to be more than 900mm apart
- If the fence is netting, mesh or trellis, there should be no opening greater than 10mm for a fence 1.2 metres high, and 50mm for a 1.8 metre high fence.
- There are no climbable objects outside the fence.
- No gates and doors open towards the pool area
- All gates and doors comply with the requirements of the Building (Pools) Amendment Act 2016.
- The gate latch is on the inside of the gate or door and is 1.5 metres above ground level.
- The gate self-closes and self-latches from an opening distance of 150mm.
- If the pool is not fenced it must have sides 1.2 metres high with no climbable places.
- A backflow prevention system is installed on the hose used to fill the pool.
- The filter backwash and pool discharge empties to the sewer and is not discharged onto the ground or into the stormwater system.
- All fences, gates etc. are in good condition.
- Pool area contains only pool equipment