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Dear Sir/Madam

Inspection of Swimming Pools

I will be carrying out inspections commencing this month on swimming pools to check for compliance with the Fencing of Swimming Pools Act 1987.

Enclosed is a checklist for private swimming pools that I will be using. I trust you will find this useful.

If you have any questions, please contact me on 520 7400.

If any of the property, owner or address details in this letter are not correct, then please advise any changes immediately.

Yours faithfully

ROSS KAIN
BUILDING COMPLIANCE OFFICER

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Swimming Pool Fencing Check List

This checklist is to assist people to determine if their swimming pool fence is complying and if a pool fence is needed. This applies to all pools capable of holding 400mm depth of water.

Above Ground Pools with 1.2m Minimum High Sides (from ground level)

No fence for the pool is required **IF**

- the steps are removable

- there is a clearance all around the pool of 1.2m minimum (clear of sheds, trees, fences etc)

If steps are NOT removable, a complying fence is required

All Inground pools (and Aboveground Pools with Sides Less than 1.2m high)

A complying fence is required.

The following is required in order to achieve a complying swimming pool fence:

1. The fence must not be less than 1.2m high (measured from ground level)
2. Gates must open outwards with no means provided to hold the gate open
3. When lifted up or down the gate or door does not release the latch device or come off its hinges
4. Gates must latch automatically with latch 1.5m above ground level on outside or on inside 1.2m
5. Every gate or door in a pool fence shall be fitted with a device that will automatically return it to a closed position and operate the latch device when the gate is held at a distance of not more than 150mm from the closed position
6. The fence must be clear of any permanent projection, or object placed on the ground within 1.2m of the fence on the outside, which can act as a step
7. No horizontal rails with less than 900mm between rails on outside of fence
8. Any gaps between vertical cladding to be 100mm maximum
9. Any gaps under fence and gates to be 100mm maximum

10. Mesh or netting in fence must have no opening greater than 10mm for a 1.2m high fence or more than 50mm for a 1.8m high fence

11. Back flow preventer (vacuum breaker) fitted to the tap used for filling the pool

12. If house or shed doors open into pool area an application for special exemption is required under Section 6 of the Fencing of Swimming Pools Act 1987.

Other Safety Issues to Think About

1. Is there a first aid kit available?
2. Are pool chemicals stored safely?
3. Does the pool surround have a non slip surface?