



# Swimming Pool Compliance

**Drowning in swimming pools is a significant cause of preventable death in children under five years old.**

## **Owners are legally required to maintain the safety of their pool area.**

The *Swimming Pools Act 1992* applies to swimming pools and spas that are located (or are being built) on sites with a residential building.

In a **strata, company title or community scheme**, it is the lot owners who jointly own any swimming pool or spa pool that is on the common property.

and are responsible for ensuring such pools are compliant

The law applies to any excavation, structure or vessel including swimming pools and spa pools that are:

- capable of being filled with water to a depth greater than 30cm, and
- used, designed, manufactured, or adapted for swimming, wading, paddling or any other human aquatic activity.

Owners of properties with swimming pools must ensure:

- that pools are surrounded with a child-resistant safety barrier that separates the pool from any residential building and any place adjoining the property;
- the doors and gates that provide access are kept closed;
- that fences surrounding pools are designed, constructed, installed, and maintained to comply with the relevant Australian Standard.

In case of an emergency the law requires that a cardiopulmonary resuscitation (**CPR**) sign is displayed near the pool. The sign must be in good condition and be read easily from 3 metres.

Local councils and registered swimming pool inspectors (certifiers) can inspect swimming pool and spa pool barriers and issue a certificate of compliance if the barrier meets requirements. A certificate of compliance is valid for three years.

### **Further Information:**

Please contact [adminteam@stratachoice.com.au](mailto:adminteam@stratachoice.com.au) or 8424 9700 for further assistance.

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