



Home Pool Safety Self-Assessment

How to complete this self-assessment:

If you don't have a mobile device that you can take to your pool to record your answers as you go, print off this self-assessment checklist to record your answers.

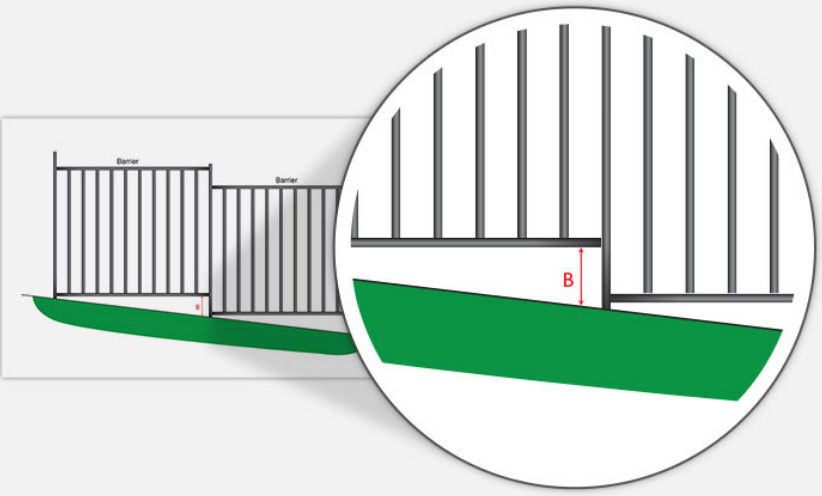
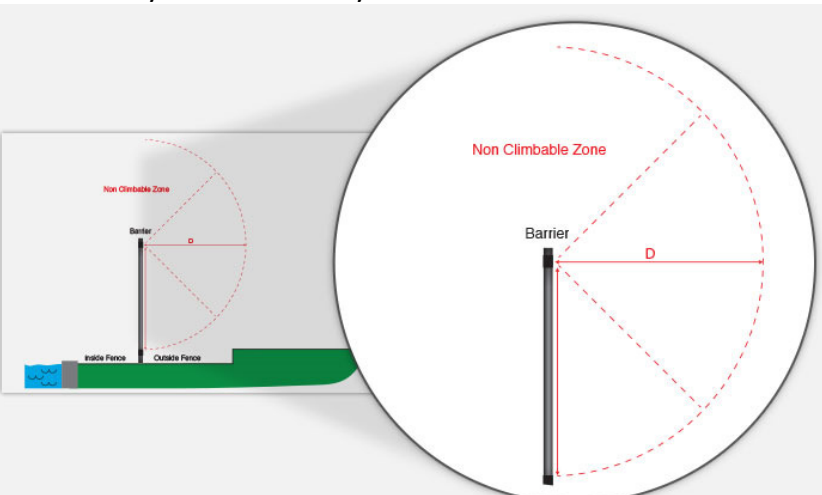
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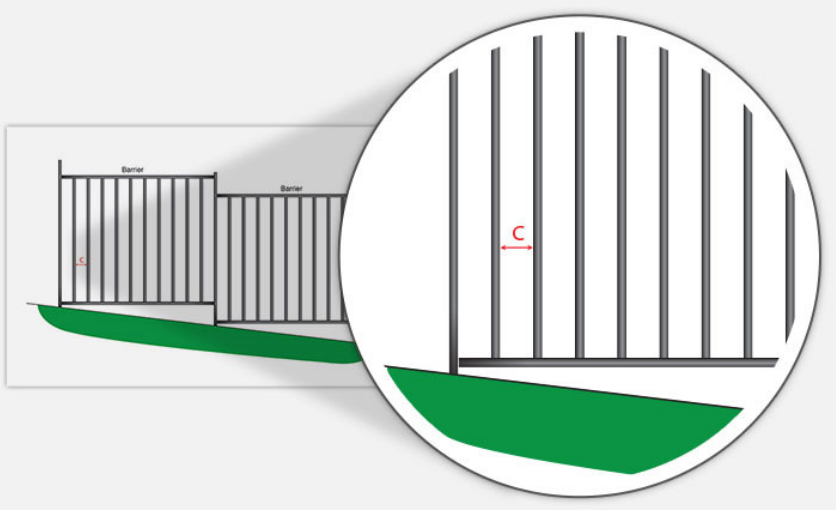
What you will need:

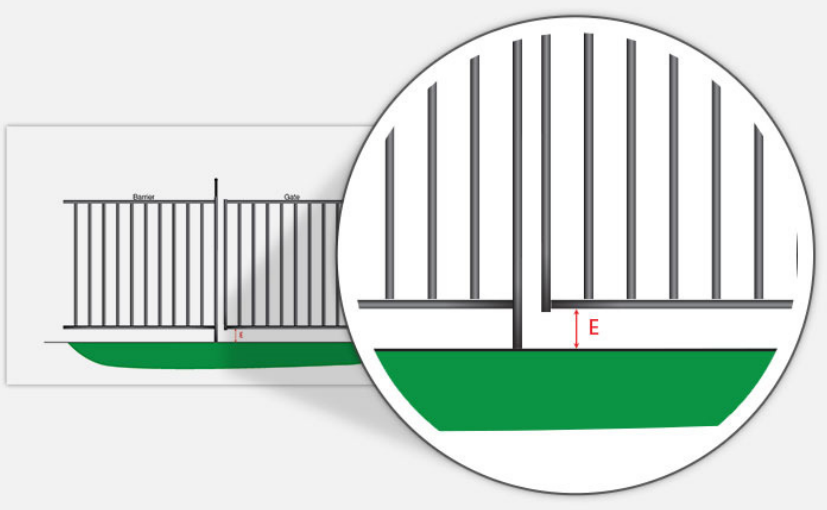
- Access to your home pool, surrounding area and chemical storage area
- Measuring tape
- Another adult to supervise children while you are checking the barrier gate/door

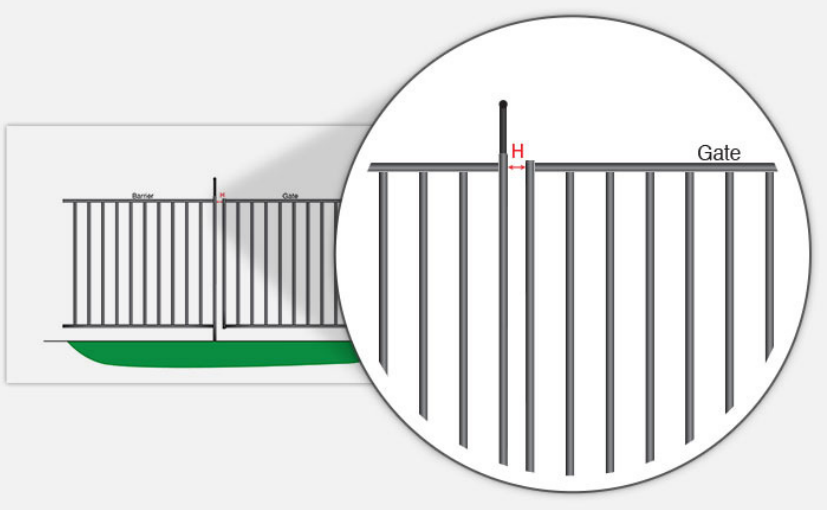




Safety Assessment	Yes	No
SAFETY BARRIER		
Is your barrier either vertical, or leaning away from the pool by less than 15°?		
Is your pool safety barrier rigid (i.e. unable to be bent) and fixed securely (i.e. unable to move or be moved)? Tip: Make sure you check every section of your safety barrier to see if it can be bent or moved.		
Is every section of your pool safety barrier at least 1200mm high? <i>Tip: Make sure you check and measure every section of your barrier.</i>		
Is your pool safety barrier at least 1800mm high in all sections that form part of your property's boundary fence?		
Does your safety barrier have any sharp edges or projections?		

Safety Assessment	Yes	No
Does your safety barrier have any missing or damaged components that a child could get through?		
Does your safety barrier have any gaps, holes, or spaces that a child could try to get through?		
<p>Are any gaps between the bottom of your safety barrier and the ground 100mm or less?</p> <p><i>Tip: Make sure you check for and measure gaps in every section of your barrier.</i></p>  <p>The distances between the ground and all sections of the safety barrier should be no more than 100mm. This prevents access under the barrier.</p>		
<p>Are all climbable objects (i.e. bbq's, tree stumps, chairs) at least 900mm away from the safety barrier?</p>  <p>Management of any objects that can be used to climb on (and over) the barrier is vital.</p>		

Safety Assessment	Yes	No
<p>Does your safety barrier ensure vertical gaps are no wider than 100mm?</p>  <p><i>The distance between any vertical parts of a barrier should be no more than 100mm. This will remove the ability to gain access between the barrier rails.</i></p>		
<p>Is your safety barrier a well-maintained, permanent and secure fixture?</p>		
<p>ENTRY GATE / DOOR</p>		
<p>Is your barrier entry route self-closing and self-latching without the need for manual force?</p>		
<p>Do all gates/doors latch securely, so they can't be pulled, pushed or jiggled open, without opening the latch?</p>		
<p>Does your safety barrier have any pet doors or gates?</p>		
<p>Do all safety barrier gates/doors open outwards, away from the pool?</p>		
<p>Do all gates/doors swing/slide open freely, without getting stuck at any point?</p>		

Safety Assessment	Yes	No
<p>Is the gap between your pool gate and the ground 100mm or less?</p>  <p><i>The distances between the ground and the bottom of the gate unit should be no more than 100 to remove the ability to gain access underneath.</i></p>		
Where is your pool gate latch? Circle: ABOVE GATE OUTSIDE GATE INSIDE GATE		
ANSWER IF LATCH IS ABOVE OR OUTSIDE GATE:		
Is the latch release at least 1500mm above the ground?		
ANSWER IF LATCH IS INSIDE GATE:		
Is the latch release at least 1200mm above the ground?		
Does your barrier fence have a hand-hole to reach the latch inside the gate?		
ANSWER IF LATCH IS INSIDE GATE AND BARRIER FENCE DOES HAVE A HAND HOLE		
Is the latch hand hole at least 1200mm above the ground?		
Is the latch release at least 150mm below the edge of the hand hole?		
ANSWER IF LATCH IS INSIDE GATE AND BARRIER FENCE DOESN'T HAVE A HAND HOLE		
Is the latch release at least 150mm below the top of the safety barrier?		
Are there any windows in in any part of your pool safety barrier? <i>Tip: If the window cannot be opened, select no for this question.</i>		
ANSWER IF WINDOWS FORM PART OF YOUR SAFETY BARRIER		
Are the windows less than 1800mm above the ground?		
ANSWER IF WINDOWS ARE LESS THAN 1800mm FROM GROUND		
Do the windows have bars, screens or fasteners?		

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<p>Is the gap between your gate and the nearest vertical panel of the safety barrier 10mm or less?</p>  <p><i>Tip: Make sure you check the gap on both sides of the gate!</i></p>		
SURROUNDING AREA		
Is the area surrounding your pool free of climbable objects (e.g. BBQ's, tables, chairs)?		
Is the area surrounding your pool free of objects that can be used to prop open gates / doors?		
Is the area surrounding your pool free of open or damaged inlets, grates or covers?		
Is the area surrounding your pool free of toys and other playthings that may attract children towards the pool area?		
<p>Does the area surrounding your pool have a resuscitation poster displayed?</p> 		
<p>Does the area surrounding your pool have a first aid kit readily available?</p> 		

POOL CHEMICALS		
Are the pool chemicals stored securely and out of reach of children?		
Are the pool chemicals stored to avoid spillages and accidental mixing?		
Does the pool chemical area have safety equipment available including goggles and gloves?		
Does the pool chemical area have safety instructions available for each of the pool chemicals?		

You have finished the assessment!

Now you have completed, take these answers back to your computer, to enter into the online self-assessment at: <http://www.lsv-from-anywhere.com.au/poolchecklist>

You will then be able to print and/or email yourself a report with feedback on your responses.

Tips for home pool safety:

- Regularly check and maintain your home pool safety barrier.
- Never prop pool gates open.
- Parents and guardians must **ACTIVELY** supervise all pool users – this means more than the occasional glance. When in or around the pool area:
 - Children under 5 should always be in your arm’s reach; and
 - Children under 10 should always be in your sight.
- Ensure your children learn swimming and water safety.
- Know what to do in an emergency – learning first aid and/or CPR and being prepared to act quickly could help save a life!
- Visit www.lifesavingvictoria.com.au for more information.

