



Swimming Pool Barriers Policy

POLICY OBJECTIVE

This Policy aims to reduce the drowning of young children by implementing an effective swimming pool barrier inspection program.

LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS

The Swimming Pools Act, 1992

The Swimming Pools Regulation, 2018

POLICY STATEMENT

Council is required by the *Swimming Pools Act 1992* to develop and adopt a program for the inspection of swimming pools in the Goulburn Mulwaree Local Government Area.

POLICY SCOPE

This policy is limited to the mandatory pool inspection program as required by section 22B of the *Swimming Pool Act 1992*. The definition of *swimming pool* in this policy is the same as defined in Section 3 of the *Swimming Pools Act 1992*.

The requirement for inspections of newly constructed swimming pools or swimming pools on properties for lease or sale are not part of this policy and are covered by provisions of other legislation including the *Environmental Planning and Assessment (Development Certification and Fire Safety) Regulation 2021*, *Conveyancing (Sale of Land) Regulation 2010* and the *Residential Tenancies Regulation 2010*.

SWIMMING POOL BARRIER INSPECTION FREQUENCY

Unless there is a valid certificate of compliance or a relevant occupation certificate has been issued within the previous 3 years, a swimming pool compliance certificate is required to be issued for swimming pools at the following frequency:

3 Years:

- Tourist and visitor accommodation such as:
 - Hotel or motel accommodation
 - Bed and breakfast accommodation
 - Farm stay accommodation
 - Backpackers' accommodation
 - Serviced apartments
- Multi-residential development containing more than 2 dwellings

5 Years:

- Single dwellings
- Dual occupancies including secondary dwellings.

A swimming pool compliance certificate may be issued by Council or an appropriately registered certifier.

SWIMMING POOL BARRIER INSPECTION PROGRAM

In accordance with legislative requirements Council has prepared a *Swimming Pool Barrier Inspection Program*. The program includes procedural details of:

- how to identify swimming pools to be included in the program;
- investigation of complaints; and
- the notification requirements for pools that are identified to require a current swimming pool compliance certificate.

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| All policies can be reviewed or revoked by resolution of Council at anytime. | | | | |

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