

POOL FENCING CARE & MAINTENANCE GUIDE

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING YOUR POOL FENCE FROM BOUNDARYLINE.

Your pool fence is primarily installed to protect your family from the dangers of open water and unsupervised children.

Drowning is the unfortunate result of having inadequate safety measures in place, and we all have a responsibility to do everything we can to prevent such a tragedy in your household. As a homeowner with a pool/spa, it is your responsibility to ensure the regular checking and maintenance of your pool barrier and gates to ensure that your pool area is safe and maintained in accordance with NZ Standards Fencing of Swimming Pools Act 1987.

Your pool is typically most used through the summer period and so we suggest that you perform these checks every 3 weeks through the summer season, and then every 3 months through the winter period when the pool may not be used as often.

Please refer to the information on this link detailing your responsibility as a pool owner:

<https://www.building.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/f-safety-of-users/pool-safety/guidance-for-pool-owners/safety-guidance-for-pool-owners/>

In addition to this, please follow the instructions below to check that your fence and gate complies.

FIXINGS

You should check the screws, bolts, and fasteners that hold your fence together from time to time. Tighten any that are loose and have any damaged parts replaced to make sure the fence remains stable.

ALTERNATIVE ACCESS POINTS

You should check around the outside of the pool area that there is nothing within reach of the fence that a child could climb up on and get access into the pool area. Also look for any alternative access points that are not easily recognised, such as items of play equipment that could be moved into position to provide access.

GAPS AND OPENINGS

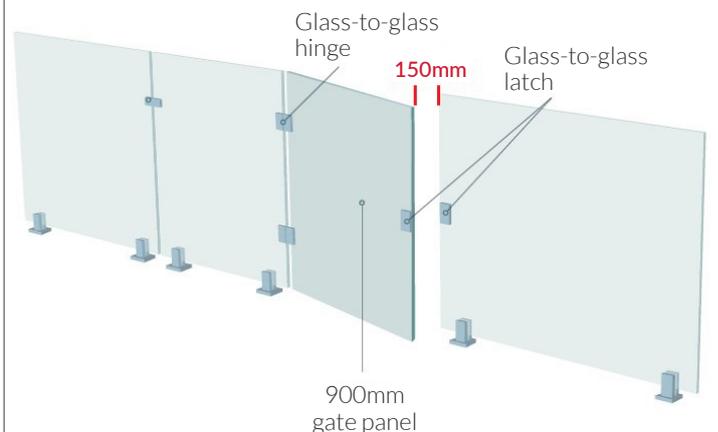
Take time to check around the pool area once fencing is all complete to make sure there are no areas with any gap or hole larger than 100mm.

GATES

Pool Gates is where regular checks need to be in place, as a homeowner it is up to you to be responsible for the regular maintenance checks to ensure your gate is always self-closing and latching.

How to check your gates

Every gate or door shall be fitted with a device that will automatically return the gate or door to the closed position and operate the latching device when the gate or door is stationary and 150 mm from the closed and secured position. Open your gate to 90 degrees and let it go to self-close to latch shut. Do this 2 times. Then open to 150mm open from closed/latch position and let it self-close to latch shut. If on each occasion it closes surely, and latches securely, then your gate is well and safe.



With our broad knowledge in all types of pool fencing, Boundaryline has the experience to ensure your existing pool barrier is compliant. If you have any questions, please contact one of our team on 0800 003 006.