

Portable/Inflatable Swimming Pools & Spas

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EXAMPLE 1.



EXAMPLE 2.



EXAMPLE 3.



EXAMPLE 4.



EXAMPLE 5.

If you are considering purchasing, or have already purchased, a portable/inflatable swimming pool or spa (like, but not limited to, the examples pictured within this fact sheet), please be advised that the following pool fencing regulations apply.

If your spa pool, spa tub, wading pool or similar thing (whether portable or fixed):

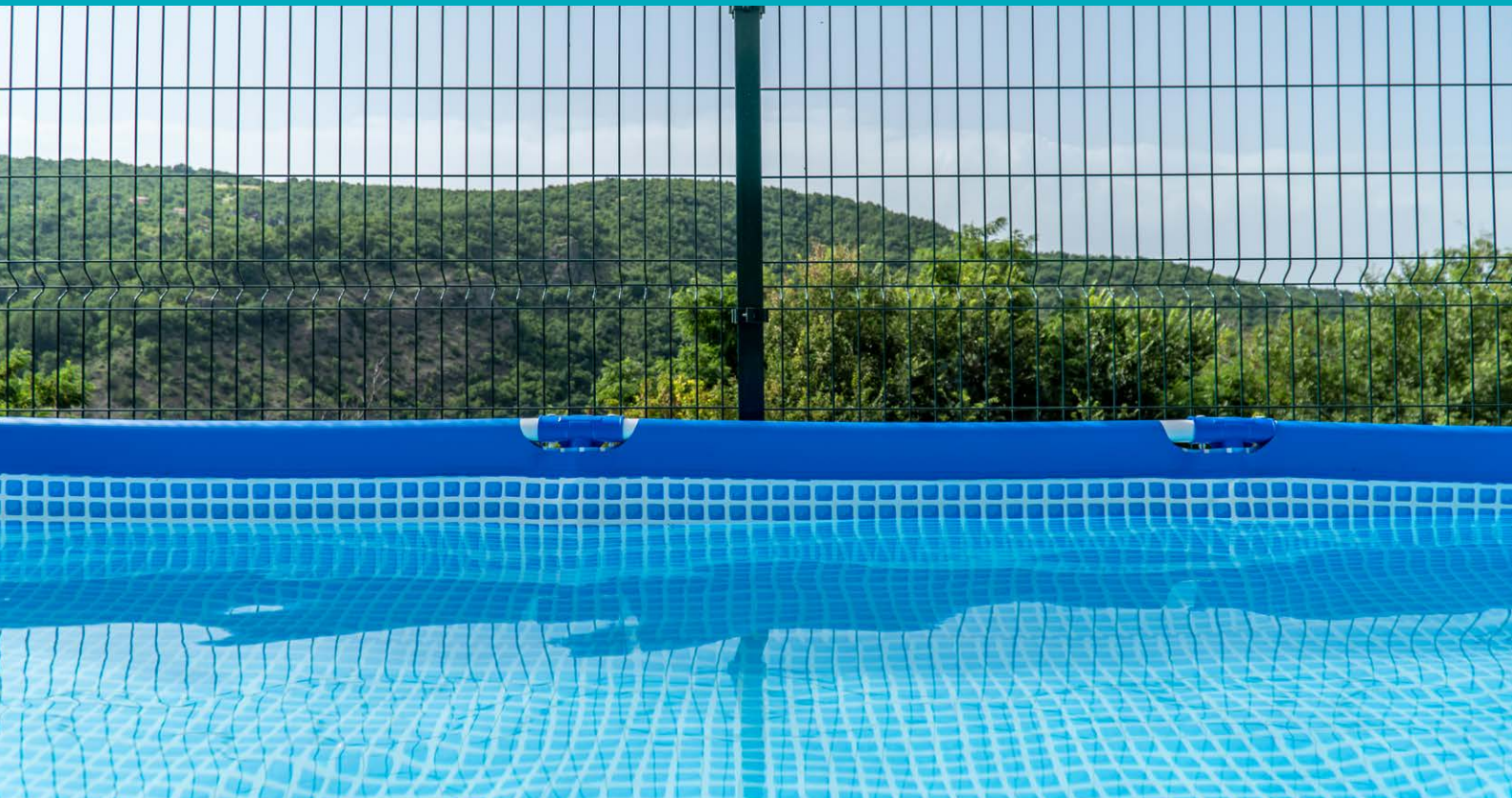
- can be filled to a depth of 300mm or more; and
- has a volume of more than 2,000 litres; and
- has a filtration system; and
- meets all three (3) of the above criteria, it is required to have compliant pool fencing.

Building Application

The installation of a new pool/spa and fencing requires a building permit to be obtained from a private building certifier and will need to comply with the pool safety standard, including, but not limited to, the following requirements:

Pool Fence

- Must be at least 1200mm high, above finished ground level;
- All gaps beneath the fence and between vertical members are to be less than 100mm wide;
- Must have compliant CPR sign displayed clearly, as prescribed.



Pool Gate

- Must be self-closing and self-latching, at all times, when released from any position;
- Must never be propped or tied open;
- Has a latch release at least 1500mm above finished ground level, and 1400mm above highest bottom horizontal rail.

Yard

- The non-climbable zone (NCZ) is 900mm outside, and 300mm inside the pool fencing.

All items such as bbqs, furniture, pool cleaning equipment, plant pots, in ground climbable shrubs/plants etc must be kept out of this zone.

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Please note that lockable lids on spas and pools are not sufficient in Queensland, and a compliant pool fence is still required to be installed.

Penalties

Failure to comply with the provisions of the pool safety standard is an offence under section 232(1) of the Building Act 1975.

On the spot fines for the offence can be issued, and are presently \$1,129 (7 penalty units) for an individual, and \$3,226 (20 penalty units) for a corporation.

The maximum penalty that may be imposed for the offence is presently \$26,614 (165 penalty units).

More information

For any additional information, or to report an unfenced swimming pool or spa, please contact Scenic Rim Regional Council's Development Compliance team on **07 5540 5111** or alternatively email mail@scenicrim.qld.gov.au.