

SAFE SUMMER FUN

As the summer months make for family fun and gatherings around backyard pools and spas, here are some golden rules around pool awareness to ensure your child's safety and to avoid disaster.



FENCES & GATES

- Regular **AND** Portable pools must be fenced
- Fences **MUST** be 1.2m from ground level
- Pools and spas deeper than 30cm require child barriers
- No gaps under the fence more than 10cm high
- The gate latch must be at least 150cm off the ground
- Do not wedge or tie gates open



SUPERVISION

- **ALWAYS** have an adult supervising children
- Do not rely on older children to supervise younger children in the pool (they can be easily distracted)
- **ALWAYS** make sure the gate latch is closed properly
- Pools/spas **MUST** have resuscitation charts displayed
- Be aware that trees, tables or chairs can be used to climb over a pool fence



IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Over 90% of fences do not meet current safety standards



60% of drownings under 5 years of age occur in home pools



Be attentive, as children can drown in as little as 30cm of water



Gaps in between vertical fence bars should not exceed 10cm in width



Resuscitation charts must be visible from at least 3 metres

