

# DO THE FIVE! POOL SAFETY CHECKLIST

Did you know drowning is the greatest cause of accidental death to children under five in Australia? Each week, on average, one child drowns. Let's put an end to childhood drowning for good. The Kids Alive community service program provides education on five important steps to reduce the risk of preschool drowning. Together with Poolwerx you can make a difference



## 1. FENCE THE POOL!

First on the list is to make sure the fence around the pool is in good working order and that the area around the pool fence is clear.

Is the fence secure and in good working order?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No -
Is the fence less than 100mm from the ground?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No -
Is the fence at least 1.2m high?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No -
Are vertical gaps less than 100mm apart?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No -
Are all of the fence panels in place and secure?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No -
Have you checked the fence for gaps or holes?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No -
Are there any rusted, loose or missing screws?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No -
Are pool toys and accessories stored securely and out of view?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No -
Have climbable objects near the pool fence been removed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No -
Are trees and shrubs near the fence kept trimmed so that they can not be used to climb?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No -

## 2. SHUT THE GATE!

Next is to make sure the gate is secure, in good working order and kept shut so little ones can't get into the pool area.

Is the gate secure, in good working order and can't be opened with force once latched?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No -
Is the latch more than 1.5m from the ground?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No -
Is the gate self closing and self latching?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No -
Does the gate open outward from the pool?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No -
Is the gap between the gate and the fence less than 100mm?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No -
Can you see any way to prop the gate open?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No -
Does the gate swing back to the closed position after being opened?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No -

## 3. TEACH YOUR KIDS TO SWIM!

Learning to swim has many benefits for our children. It's great for their health and well being, it enhances their self esteem and importantly teaches them respect for water.

If your child found themselves in the water, would they be able to make their way to the edge of the pool unassisted?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No -
Is your child aware that they need your permission and supervision to swim?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No -
Is your child attending swimming lessons?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No -

## 4. SUPERVISE, WATCH YOUR MATE!

It is essential that you supervise young children at all times whether they are near the pool or other bodies of water. Young children are naturally curious – they are drawn to water. They can easily overbalance and topple in, so supervision around water is an absolute necessity.

When using the pool are you always within arms' reach of any child under 5 years of age?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No -
Are you aware of the dangers of leaving older child to supervise younger children in the pool?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No -
During parties or social gatherings do you always have a designated 'child supervisor' around the pool?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No -

## 5. LEARN HOW TO RESUSCITATE!

To prepare yourself for an emergency, learn resuscitation and first aid techniques. Performing first aid at the scene may increase the child's chance of recovery or even save a life

Is there a current compliant CPR sign displayed within the pool area that can easily be seen and referred to if required?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No -
Does your home have a first aid kit and do you know where it is?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No -
Do you or your family members have up to date first aid skills including how to perform CPR?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No -

## POOL MAINTENANCE & CARE

Doing the 5! is very important, but so is the care and maintenance of your pool area to ensure that it is a safe area for friends, family and yourself. We all know electricity and water don't mix and that chemicals are a dangerous thing all of which are required to keep your pool healthy.

Do you have a residual current device (RCD) or residual current circuit breaker (RCCB) on power supply?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No -
Are pool chemicals stored securely, out of view and reach of children?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No -
Do you store, handle and apply chemicals as per the instructions included on the packaging?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No -
Do you use protective equipment when handling the pool chemicals?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No -

*Note: This checklist does not substitute for a pool inspection and is for educational purposes only. Pool owners should consider getting a professional assessment of their pool's compliance.*