

Are you selling a house with a swimming Pool? Are you selling a house with a spa pool that has a maximum capacity exceeding 680 Litres?

If your answer to any of the above is yes, from 1st October 2008 you will need to ensure that your swimming pool or spa child-safety barriers comply with current requirements before you sell the property, irrespective of when the pool or spa was built.

Under the Devlopment Act 1993, swimming pool means an excavation or structure that is capable of being filled with water and is used primarily for swimming, wading, p-addling or the like and includes a bathing or wading pool or spa pool (but not a spa bath).

It is the responsibility of the pool owner to ensure the current pool safety requirements are met prior to settlement date. Specific safety requirements are set by Australian Standard 1926.1 and the Building Code of Australia which have been adopted by the State Government.

Under the standards, all swimming pools must have a continuous safety barrier that is maintained by the pool owner and which restricts access by young children to the pool and the immediate pool surrounds.

There are specific requirements in the Standards regarding fences, gates and any doors or windows which provide direct access to a pool.

It is recommended that you have the pool inspected by a registered inspector. For listings of people who can offer an inspection service contact Planning SA on 08 8303 0600 or visit their website on www.planning.sa.gov.au