

POOL FENCING INSPECTION

POOLS COME WITH RULES

The law requires any pool that can be filled with at least 400mm of water - including temporary pools - to have a secure barrier preventing access by children.

Masterton District Council has begun inspecting pools to ensure fencing meets the legal standard.

To find out what is required, scan the QR code or visit the Council website and search 'pools'.



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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT COUNCIL POOL INSPECTIONS:

Section 165D of the Building Act requires the Council to inspect pools every three years to ensure fencing/barriers meet legal requirements.

Warranted Council staff are entitled to enter properties to inspect pools, with inspections carrying a fee of \$160.

The elected members of the Council agreed the fee last year as part of Long-Term Plan deliberations, deciding that inspection work should not be covered by the general rate, but targeted to those owning pools.

Common ways in which pool fencing fails Building Act requirements:

- the gate does not close automatically
- the fence has deteriorated, with gaps allowing access or climbing
- vegetation near the fence, inside or outside, provides assistance to climbing
- temporary pools purchased without consideration of fencing requirements.

It is not planned to schedule a date and time for inspections but if you have queries, email: pools@mstn.govt.nz