

# Wading pools

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Inflatable wading pools are a great way of keeping cool in the hotter months but there are tough State Government laws regarding pool safety that need to be taken into account. These rules require that mandatory fencing is in place to prevent drowning - one of the leading causes of death in children under 5 years.

## Your obligations

An inflatable wading pool is classified as a 'regulated swimming pool' if:

- It can be filled with water to a depth of 300mm or more; or
- It holds more than 2,000 litres of water; or
- It has an installed pool filter

If it meets **any** one of these criteria, you will be required to comply with a number of strict State regulations including installation of a pool fence, obtaining building approval for both the pool AND fence before installation, and final building certification after construction/installation.

You must also register your wading pool with the Pool Safety Council.

*Non-compliant  
pool: greater than  
300mm in depth*



*Compliant pool:  
less than 300mm  
in depth*



## More info

More information on required fencing standards is available at the Department of Housing and Public Works' website: [www.hpw.qld.gov.au/construction/BuildingPlumbing/PoolSafety/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.hpw.qld.gov.au/construction/BuildingPlumbing/PoolSafety/Pages/default.aspx)

## Ask us

Council receives dozens of complaints each year about inflatable wading pools and in most cases the owners are ordered to empty and remove the pool.

If you are thinking of purchasing a wading pool and are uncertain of your obligations please contact Council on 4044 3044 for guidance.

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