

Small Heated Pool Checklist

Clause F9 of the Building Code includes an Acceptable Solution (F9/AS2) for small heated pools, which allow pool walls and a cover/lid to act as the barrier, if specific criteria are met.

Small heated pools that comply with all of the criteria do not need to be registered with the Council, and therefore do not require 3-yearly inspections.

Pool owners must maintain their pool so that compliance is maintained.

Size

A water surface area of 5m² or less.

Pool walls

760mm (minimum) wall height, from floor to top of pool wall (not including cover).

NOTE: A spa sunken into a deck will likely require a barrier.

No projections or indentations of 10mm or more on the pool wall.

No climbable objects within 760mm of top of pool walls.

Cover/lid

Lid is readily returnable to the closed position when not in use.

Lid can withstand 20kg load (minimum).

Signage on two sides of lid stating:

'WARNING: This spa pool cover must be kept locked except when under adult supervision'.

NOTE: See the Building (Pools) Amendment Act 2016, Amendments to Building Act 2004, and MBIE F9 Acceptable Solutions, Means of Restricting Access to Residential Pools and New Zealand Standards NZS 8500:2006 Safety Barriers and Fences around Swimming Pools, Spas and Hot Tubs for full details as above details are excerpts and not fully comprehensive.



Lockable fasteners with minimum width of 33mm.

Lid slopes outward from the centre to prevent water pooling on the top.

Lid must be locked when not in use.

Backflow prevention

Vacuum breaker or air gap (at least 25mm above level of the pool) installed.

Not sure whether you've got it right? We are here to help, give us a call on 0800 965 468 or email pools@wmk.govt.nz