

Media Release



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Keep your swimming pool out of hot water

With the weather heating up, Camden Council is encouraging residents to stay out of hot water by ensuring their swimming pool is compliant.

Council has just released a video, detailing a few of the key requirements residents need to ensure. These include:

- All pool gates must self-close and latch under their own tension from any position;
- Pool barriers or fences surrounding your swimming pool must be a minimum height of 1,200 millimetres and have a 900-millimetre clear area on the outside;
- Boundary fences to the pool area need to be a minimum of 1,800 millimetres in height on the pool side of the fence and have a non-climbable zone of 900 millimetres from the top of the fence;
- Don't forget to make sure you have a CPR chart within a close and visible position to the pool; and
- Learn resuscitation and always supervise children around pools and spas.

The reminder comes after Council adopted an updated Swimming Pool Inspection Program earlier this year. The updated program provides information regarding Council inspections of swimming pool barriers and applications for a Certificate of Compliance for these barriers.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Theresa Fedeli, said there were a number of ways to stay safe in and around backyard pools and spas this summer.

“One of the best things about being Australian is jumping in the pool when the weather warms up. But things can go wrong very quickly if we're not careful,” Cr Fedeli said.

“The first step to making sure everyone has a fun and safe time is ensuring constant adult supervision and maintenance of a complying swimming pool barrier.

“Knowing how to swim is also key. Both Mount Annan Leisure Centre and Camden War Memorial Pool offer swimming lessons for residents of all ages, and skill levels, and there's no better time to learn than now. It really is a life skill and feeling confident in the water could save your life.”

For more information on swimming pools, and to watch the new video, visit camden.nsw.gov.au/environment/health/swimming-pools/

For more information on swimming lessons at Mount Annan Leisure Centre and Camden War Memorial Pool, visit ymcansw.org.au/centres/ and search for the centre closest to you.

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