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C/O Miriam Rutherford Family Trust
120 Walter Strevens Drive
Conifer Grove
Takanini 2112

Dear Sir/Madam

Swimming pool number: SWP20454342
Address: 120 Walter Strevens Drive Conifer Grove Auckland 2112
Area office: Papakura

Letter of intent to carry out inspection of pool barrier
Your 3 yearly pool inspection is due

Nationwide Legal Requirements

Under the Building Act (2004), inspections to barriers for residential swimming pools are required to be carried out every three years. It is the responsibility of the owner and/or occupier to ensure that every residential pool that is filled or partly filled with water has physical barriers that restrict access to the pool by children under the age of five.

Inspection Options

Pool owners can choose who will inspect their pool barrier; this may be Council or a private inspector registered with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. A list of registered pool inspectors can be found online at mbie.govt.nz.

If within 14 days we have not received your notification that a private inspector is to inspect your pool barrier we will automatically schedule a visit from a council inspector to ensure compliance. If we visit your property the council inspection fee will apply. If we are unable to access your pool area when we visit your property the inspection fee will still apply.

Council Inspection Fees

The pool barrier inspection fee is \$128.00 per inspection. Keep your costs down by ensuring your pool barrier complies and passes its first inspection. Please refer to the guidelines overleaf to check your pool barrier prior to inspection.

Accessing your pool

If you wish to be present for the inspection or if your property is difficult to access (dogs, security gates etc.), please contact us to arrange safe access for our inspector.

What should I do now?

- Call the relevant number or email below to advise us if you are using an independent inspector or if you wish to book another time for an inspection by Council. The inspection must occur within the next two months.
- Check your pool fence using the information overleaf to make sure your pool barrier passes first time avoiding repeat inspection fees.

Pools North West Support Team

DDI: 09 484 7237

poolsnorthwest@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Pools Central South Support Team

DDI: 09 353 9143 or 09 353 9120

pools@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Yours faithfully

Pool Compliance
Building Support Team
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Pool Barrier Self Check List

Fence

- Must be at least 120cm high and 120cm away from outside ground level or other object placed on the ground including tree branches, retaining walls etc.
- Must not have any gaps under or in the fence more than 10cm
- Watch out for changes in ground and fence level where the lowest part of the fence might be too low
- Must not have horizontal rails or climbable features closer than 90cm apart
- Mesh size 13mm max or 35mm max if fence is at least 1.8m high.

Gates

- Latch at 1.5m high
- Must self-close from 15cm open
- Must self-latch when closed
- Must not be propped open
- Must comply with the rules for fences.

Doors and windows

- Windows less than 1m from floor level must be restricted to 10cm opening
- Doors, depending on when they were installed, may be required to self-close
- Doors must have a latch (if self-closing) or slide bolt at least 1.5m from floor level

Immediate Pool area

- The pool fence should only contain items and activities that are pool related.
These may include:
 - BBQs, tables and chairs, diving boards, changing facilities.
- but not:
 - clotheslines, vegetable gardens, dog kennels, children's play equipment or pedestrian access through the pool area for unrelated activities e.g. access to your front door.

General

- If the council has your pool recorded as empty, contact council for an inspection before refilling it
- Portable and inflatable pools that hold 40cm depth of water or more are required to have a fence by law
- Other portable pools should be supervised at all times and emptied after use

Is your spa exempt?

If you have a small heated pool (spa) it may be exempt from inspections. Please google "NZ AC1814" to review Auckland Council's guidance document. If you think that your pool meets the criteria for exemption, please email us a photo for review.