

Building newsflash number 396

Pool safety barriers code and CPR sign giveaway

Purpose

To advise the latest version of the proposed swimming pool safety barriers code is available [online](#) and that the Queensland Government has announced a CPR sign giveaway.

Background

On 14 December 2008, Premier Anna Bligh announced the most comprehensive review of Queensland's pool safety laws in nearly 20 years. As part of the review, an expert committee developed a report to the Queensland Government setting out some 23 recommendations for improving swimming pool safety. The simplification of pool fencing laws against the latest pool fencing standards was one of the committee's recommendations.

Issues

Queensland Development Code Part MP 3.4—Swimming pool safety barriers

The code for swimming pool safety barriers has been developed by the Department of Infrastructure and Planning and adopts the latest Australian Standard (AS 1926:2007 parts 1 and 2) with modifications specific to Queensland to improve and clarify its application. Some of the changes reflect variations that already apply in Queensland, such as changes to the non-climbable zone and boundary fence heights.

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) sign giveaway

Also all new residential swimming pools must display mandatory CPR signage that meets current best practice. To support this measure, the Queensland Government is distributing a limited number of free compliant CPR signs through Australia Post outlets around the state. To collect your free sign, cut out the token appearing in the Sunday Mail on 8 and 15 November 2009 and take to any participating Australia Post outlet. Offer is strictly limited while stocks last and will close Friday 20 November 2009.

Legislation

Section 233 of the *Building Act 1975*
Section 14 of the Building Regulation 2006

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