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SWIMMING POOL SAFETY CAMPAIGN 2012

Purpose

To ask all NSW councils to undertake a swimming pool safety education campaign as part of the 2012/2013 swimming season.

Issue

- The swimming season commenced on 1 October 2012.
- The NSW Government is committed to reducing the incidence of young children drowning and near drowning in pools and spas.
- The most effective way to prevent drowning or near-drowning is for children to be adequately supervised by a parent or other responsible adult. Properly installed and maintained barrier fencing also assists in reducing the incidence of drowning in backyard pools.
- The *Swimming Pools Act 1992* requires councils to promote awareness of pool and spa safety within their local government areas and the Division has developed a number of resources to assist councils.
- A limited supply of the Division's [Swimming Pool Laws Brochure](#) and [Home Swimming Pool Safety Checklist](#) can be obtained by contacting Salmat on telephone 02 9311 9899 or fax 02 9311 1076. There is no cost to councils for these existing stocks.
- The brochure, checklist and other important information relating to backyard swimming pools can be found on the Division's website at www.dlg.nsw.gov.au. The brochure and checklist are also available in [15 community languages](#).
- In addition, NSW Fair Trading has a spa pools safety guide available on its website (www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au).

Action

Councils are strongly encouraged to deliver a locally-based campaign that draws attention to the critical importance of supervision and of swimming pool barriers meeting the requirements of the Swimming Pools Act and Regulation.



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