

SUTHERLAND SHIRE WATER AWARE



SWIMMING POOL SAFETY AS WE #STAYHOME

It's great to see households in the Sutherland Shire doing their bit to #stayhome and helping to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community, as directed by lead public health agencies, and State and Federal Governments.

As we spend more time in the backyard with our children at home, it's a timely reminder of the dangers for young children when they are by a swimming pool.

Here are some tips on staying pool safe and having peace of mind:

- **SUPERVISION** is the key element to preventing child drowning or injury.
- Make sure your kids are **WATER AWARE** i.e. they know what they should and not do in the water, when and how to call for help, etc.
- **RESTRICT ACCESS** to water:
 - o Make sure your pool gate opens outwards away from your pool.
 - o Gate must be self-closing and self-latching.
 - o The height of the latch should be at least 1,500mm.
 - o The hinges should be 900mm apart, so they don't become a foothold for small children to enter the pool area.
 - o Ensure gaps in or under the fence are not greater than 100mm.
- Display a **RESUSCITATION** chart facing the pool and don't block it with landscaping. It must be visible.
- Keep outdoor furniture items, pot plants and trees away from the gate and fence. They could help children climb over into the pool area.

For more information about water safety and keeping watch visit: royallifesaving.com.au

To book your pool safe inspection visit: sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/Pool-Inspections

