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Pool safety laws update and information sessions

Purpose

To advise of free statewide information sessions and provide an update on the new pool safety laws.

Issues

The Queensland Government has introduced new pool safety laws to further reduce the incidences of drowning and serious immersion injuries of young children in swimming pools. Pool owners have until 30 November 2015 to comply with the new pool safety standard, unless they sell or lease their property before then.

Pool safety laws information session

Free public information sessions are being held across the state from 18 November. Registration for the information sessions is not required. A schedule of locations and times is attached. Topics covered include:

- the new pool safety standard
- pools covered by the new laws
- pool safety certificates and when they are required
- the role of the Pool Safety Council
- the role of pool safety inspectors
- prescribed minor repairs
- the role of Local Governments
- the pool safety register
- reporting of immersion incidents
- pool safety management plans for resorts.

Building Amendment Regulation (No 5) 2010

On 5 November 2010, the Building Amendment Regulation (No 5) 2010 was made and can be accessed at www.legislation.qld.gov.au. It includes:

- the Local Governments that may declare areas as 'remote'
- warning sign requirements for regulated pools under construction
- notification requirements for sellers to give to prospective purchasers where a pool safety certificate is not in effect
- professional indemnity insurance concessions for government pool safety inspectors
- a demerit point regime for pool safety inspectors
- approval of a revised version of the Queensland Development Code Mandatory Part 3.4, which contains minor corrections
- fees for pool safety certificate identification numbers.



Pool safety inspector licences

The new pool safety laws commence on 1 December 2010. Individuals who meet the requirements to be licensed as a pool safety inspector may now apply for a licence and pool safety certificate numbers may be purchased from the department.

Individuals must have successfully completed an approved pool safety inspector training course, passed the pool safety inspector test and have the prescribed professional indemnity insurance if required.

Under section 289 of the *Building Act 1975*, licensed building certifiers are automatically taken to be licensed as pool safety inspectors from 5 November 2010 to 4 November 2011.

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Information sessions for Queensland's swimming pool safety requirements

Location	Date	Time	Venue
Brisbane South (Coorparoo)	18 November 2010	2.30 pm-6.00 pm	Coorparoo Bowls Club 32 Riddings Street, Coorparoo
Brisbane North (Caboolture)	19 November 2010	2.30 pm-6.00 pm	Caboolture RSL Cnr. Beerburum Road and Haskings Street, Caboolture
Gold Coast (Southport)	22 November 2010	2.30 pm-6.00 pm	Southport Sharks Football Club Cnr. Musgrave and Olsen Avenues, Southport
Bundaberg	22 November 2010	2.30 pm-6.00 pm	Brothers Leagues Club 130 Takalvan St, Bundaberg
Sunshine Coast (Caloundra)	23 November 2010	2.30 pm-6.00 pm	Caloundra RSL 19 West Terrace, Caloundra
Rockhampton	23 November 2010	2.30 pm-6.00 pm	Rockhampton Leagues Club The Gardener Lounge Cnr. Cambridge and George Streets, Rockhampton
Mackay	24 November 2010	2.30 pm-6.00 pm	The Shamrock Hotel 165 Nebo Road, Mackay
Toowoomba	24 November 2010	2.30 pm-6.00 pm	Toowoomba Golf Club 323 Rowbotham St, Middle Ridge
Townsville	25 November 2010	2.30 pm-6.00 pm	Jupiters Townsville Hotel and Casino Sir Leslie Thies Drive, Townsville
Mt Isa	25 November 2010	2.30 pm-6.00 pm	All Seasons Verona Hotel cnr. Rodeo Drive and Camooweal Street, Mt Isa
Cairns	26 November 2010	2.30 pm-6.00 pm	The Sebel Bluewater 2 Room 17 Abbott Street, Cairns