

Local government safety barrier inspection reporting

Local governments are required to provide private swimming pool safety barrier inspection data for each financial year to the Building Commissioner by 1 August of the following financial year.¹

[Building and Energy](#) collate this data and publish the 'Progress report: Local government periodic inspections of private swimming pool safety barriers' (Report).

The Report is intended to hold local governments accountable, ensuring they make a genuine effort to meet their mandatory obligations to inspect safety barriers to private swimming pools within the maximum four-year timeframe.²

The following data is required to be provided:

1. The total number of private swimming pools in their district that are subject to Part 8 Division 2 of the Regulations as at 30 June of that financial year.³

Of those private swimming pools:

2. The number that had their safety barriers inspected* in that financial year.⁴
3. The number that, at the end of the financial year, had not had their safety barriers inspected* within four years.⁵

* 'Inspected' means a local government authorised person has physically attended the property and has completed an inspection of the pool safety barriers for the purpose of monitoring

whether the safety barrier restricts access to the pool and complies with the specified building standard.⁶

The provision of this data is mandatory.⁷ Data should be provided to Building and Energy by email to pools@lgirs.wa.gov.au.⁸

Where local governments have been unable to inspect all relevant pools within their district within the mandatory four-year period, they are encouraged to provide a short explanation as to why this may have occurred. The Report may include a summary of these comments.

Upon publishing the Report, Building and Energy will typically publish an accompanying media statement.

Further information on safety barriers for private swimming pools, including previously published Reports, can be found at www.lgirs.wa.gov.au/rules-for-pools.

¹ Regulation 53B, Building Regulations 2012

² Regulation 53(1), (2)(b)(ii), Building Regulations 2012

³ Regulation 53B(2)(a), Building Regulations 2012

⁴ Regulation 53B(2)(b), Building Regulations 2012

⁵ Regulation 53B(2)(c), Building Regulations 2012

⁶ Regulation 53(1), Building Regulations 2012

⁷ Regulation 53B(2), Building Regulations 2012

⁸ Regulation 53B(3), Building Regulations 2012

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