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swimming pools**



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PREFACE

A2 | This Standard was prepared by the Standards Committee CS-034, Safety of Private Swimming Pools, to supersede AS 1926.2—1995.

This Standard incorporates Amendment No. 1 (April 2008) and Amendment No. 2 (December 2011). The changes required by the Amendment are indicated in the text by a marginal bar and amendment number against the clause, note, table, figure or part thereof affected.

The objective of this Standard is to assist pool users/owners in avoiding pool-related drowning by providing options for the location of pool barriers, which are designed to deny, delay or detect unsupervised entry to the swimming pool area by young children.

This Standard is part of a series dealing with barriers, location of barriers and water recirculation and filtration systems for swimming pools as follows:

AS

- 1926 Swimming pool safety
- 1926.1 Part 1: Safety barriers for swimming pools
- 1926.2 Part 2: Location of safety barriers for swimming pools (this Standard)
- 1926.3 Part 3: Water recirculation and filtration systems

This edition incorporates the following major changes to the previous Standard:

- (a) New definitions for different pool barrier configurations and locations have been included.
- (b) The former Options A and B have been combined into Clause 4.2.
- (c) A new Clause covering indoor pools has been drafted as Clause 4.4.
- A2 | (d) 'Text deleted'

The terms 'normative' and 'informative' have been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which they apply. A 'normative' appendix is an integral part of the Standard, whereas in an 'informative' appendix is only for information and guidance.

Notes to the text contain information and guidance. They are not an integral part of the Standard.

Statements expressed in mandatory terms in notes to tables and figures are deemed to be requirements of this Standard.

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1 SCOPE

This Standard sets out options for the location of safety barriers intended to restrict the access of young children to swimming pools.

NOTES:

- 1 Public swimming pools have different human dynamics, such as access for people with disabilities, increased gate usage, crowd behaviour and supervision, and the duplication of the requirements of this Standard may not always be appropriate.
- 2 Guidance on factors to be considered in selecting the location of barriers is given in Appendix B.

2 REFERENCED DOCUMENT

- A1 | The following documents are referred to in this Standard:
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| AS | |
| 1926 | Swimming pool safety |
| 1926.1 | Part 1: Safety barriers for swimming pools |
| 2818 | Guide to swimming pool safety |

3 DEFINITIONS

3.1 Barrier

- A2 | The assembly of components, natural or otherwise, that restricts access to the pool, including items such as fences, posts and panels, gate units, gates and doorsets, constructed or natural walls (retaining or otherwise), sides of buildings, and balustrades on a balcony, where they form part of the intended barrier.

3.2 Child-resistant doorset

- A2 | A doorset that comprises a door, door frame, self-closing device and self-latching device, that is designed to provide an access way from the building to an indoor pool.

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3.4 'Text deleted'

3.5 Gate

Any portion of the barrier, other than a child-resistant doorset, that is designed to provide an access way through the barrier.

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3.7 'Text deleted'

3.8 Indoor pool

- A2 | A pool that is fully enclosed within a residential building or a separate building.