



Building Newsflash

Clarification on the Australian Standards Applying to Swimming Pool Safety Barriers

Purpose

The purpose of this newsflash is to clarify the status of AS 1926-2007 Parts 1 and 2 in the Queensland. AS 1926 Parts 1 and 2 relate to swimming pool safety barriers.

Background

In 2007 Standards Australia published a new edition of AS 1926 Parts 1 and 2. However, this new edition is not referenced in the Queensland *Building Regulation 2006* and will not be referenced in the *Building Code of Australia 2008*.

The referencing of AS 1926-2007 Parts 1 and 2 has not been supported by the States and Territories, including Queensland. The 2007 edition sections that are relevant to Queensland are currently in the process of being amended in line with requests made by State and Territory jurisdictions. Please note the Standard's child resistant doorset provisions do not apply in Queensland. A child-resistant doorset may not be used as part of a pool fence approved under the current *Building Regulation 2006*.

Standards Australia has agreed to seek amendment of the Standard to address the issues raised by State and Territory jurisdictions. Queensland will reconsider referencing the Standard once the amendments have been made.

Legislation

Building Act 1975, section 233
Building Regulation 2006, section 14

Interpretation

The *Building Regulation 2006* currently references AS 1926.1-1993 and AS 1926.2-1995 with some modifications. Therefore, AS 1926-2007 should not be used as the fencing standard in Queensland until further notice.

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