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# Backyard Swimming Pool Safety Inspections Checklist

## Background Information

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Pool address: \_\_\_\_\_

Shallow end depth: \_\_\_\_\_ Deep end depth: \_\_\_\_\_

Pool diagram:

## Entrance

Item	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
Is the gate secure?				
Is the gate self-closing?				
Is the gate self-locking?				
If it's an above-ground pool, is the ladder removable?				
Is the fencing secure?				
Is the fencing four-sided?				
Is the fence a minimum of 1.5m (5 feet)?				
Is the fencing difficult to climb?				
Is there a sign that reads "Do not enter without permission"?				



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### Deck

Item	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
Is the deck clean?				
Is the deck obstacle free?				
Is there a reaching pole nearby?				
Is there a buoyant throwing aid with rope nearby?				
Is there a sound-signalling device (eg. whistle) nearby?				
Is there a first aid kit nearby?				
Is there a telephone nearby?				
Does the diving board have a non-slip surface?				
Is the diving board secure?				
Is the deck slide secure?				
Is there a sign of slide rules present?				
Is there a "No diving" sign present in areas less than 2.75 m deep?				
Are pool depth markings visible?				

### Tank

Item	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
Are the buoy lines secured to the pool sides?				
Are the buoy lines floating at the surface?				
Is the bottom of the pool free from visible material?				
Is the main drain clearly visible from the pool edge?				
Is the filter water inlets and outlets secured to the bottom and sides of the pool?				
Is there free available chlorine at a minimum of 0.5 ppm?				
Is the pH at a reading of between 7.2 and 7.8?				
Is the pool ladder secured?				
Is the pool ladder non-slip?				



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### Chemicals

Item	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
Are chemicals stored in sealed containers?				
Are chemicals stored in a locked location?				
Are chemicals labelled correctly?				

### Safety Supervision

Item	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
Is there a parent or guardian present at all times?				
Is there a designated pool supervisor at all times?				

Items checked 'no' require attention by the pool operator.