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PREFACE

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

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.
- (d) The former Option C has been moved to Clause 4.3. As this Option is subject to individual State and Territory regulations, Option C, which is now termed ‘Barriers with child-resistant doorsets’ has been placed in Appendix A for ease of regulators dealing with the Option through their legislation and regulations.

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

The following document is referred to in this Standard:

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

The assembly of components, natural or otherwise, that forms the intended barrier to the pool. The barrier includes items such as posts and panels, gates and doorsets constructed or natural walls, sides of buildings, child-resistant windows, balustrades on a balcony, where they form part of the intended barrier.

3.2 Child-resistant doorset

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 the swimming pool.

3.3 Combined pool

A part indoor pool and a part outdoor pool.

3.4 Fencing

A barrier comprising a fence and associated gate or gates.

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.

3.6 House only barrier

A barrier that restricts access from the house to the pool, using child-resistant doorsets and windows.



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