

TRADE NEWSLETTER

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Top News

UBS achieving ISO accreditation highlights UBS's dedication to outstanding service, safety and environmental impact.

UBS Growth & Success

UBS has achieved ISO accreditation for Quality Management Systems (ISO 9001), Environmental Management Systems (ISO 14001), and Occupational Health & Safety Management Systems (ISO 45001).

This investment ensures compliance, efficiency, and environmental responsibility. This achievement underscores UBS's commitment to exceptional service, safety, and reducing our environmental impact.

Onsite you will notice our commitment by regularly conducting site audits, completing spot checks to ensure all businesses are compliant in LinkSafe, all trades onsite are inducted with the appropriate licenses and qualifications to undertake the works, professionally presented and protecting themselves from the sun.



Teamwork Makes the dream Work

Make Safe

What is a Make Safe?

A Make Safe (MS) is a temporary repair ONLY, which is undertaken to protect everyone who could be exposed to a hazard, and to ensure no further loss or damage is caused to the property.

A MS will only be the essential work required to make the property safe and to allow reasonable access to that property. All additional work would generally be considered part of the repair

When should a Make Safe be carried out?

A Make Safe should be carried out when **there has been damage caused to a property** by a listed event and:

- The cause of the damage or the damage itself has created a situation that could put personal safety at risk.
- When there is a risk of further damage to our customers' property.
- When the damage to the property makes it unlivable, e.g., no electricity, no running water, etc.
- To provide reasonable safe access to the property



Newsletter Highlight

As we continue our commitment to a safe working environment, we want to highlight two crucial aspects of on-site safety:

Electrical Hazards and **Sun Safety**. Please take a moment to review the following guidelines and tips to ensure your safety while working on-site.

Electrical Hazards

- **Stay informed** – Ensure you are aware of all electrical sources and potential hazards on your worksite. Familiarise yourself with the location of power lines, electrical panels and other sources of electricity.
- **Proper Equipment** – Always use tools and equipment that are properly insulated and in good working condition. Inspect your tools regularly to identify any wear or damage.
- **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**
 - Wear appropriate PPE, including insulated gloves and safety goggles, when working with or around electricity.

Sun Safety



- **Protective Clothing** – Wear lightweight, long-sleeve clothing and a wide-brimmed hat to shield yourself from harmful sun rays.
- **Sunscreen** – Apply sunscreen before heading outdoors. Reapply as needed.
- **Hydration** – Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water throughout the day.

TEMPORARY FENCING REQUIREMENTS – POOLS

After the recent storms, we have had a number of fences around pool areas that were damaged, with pool security being compromised. When installing temporary fencing around pools, it must be temporary pool fencing that is non-climbable and has less than 100mm gap under the bottom of the fence panels.

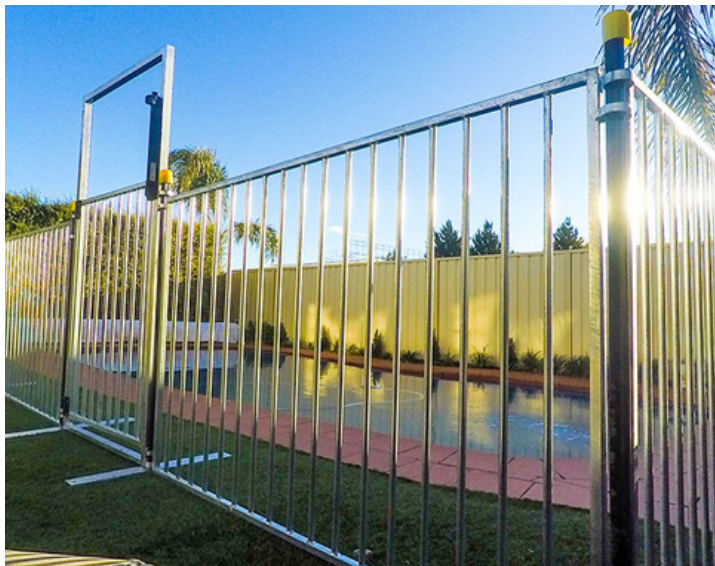
Here's a concise summary of key pool barrier regulations:

- Minimum barrier height: 1.2m.
- Barrier gates must be self-closing and self-latching, never propped open.
- The barrier must enclose the pool entirely, with no direct building access.
- Keep the barrier clear of climbable objects.
- Openings at the fence bottom: 100mm.
- Gates must swing outward.
- Barriers should resist damage and remain effective.
- Meet all regulations before filling the pool.
- Occupants and owners are responsible for regular maintenance.

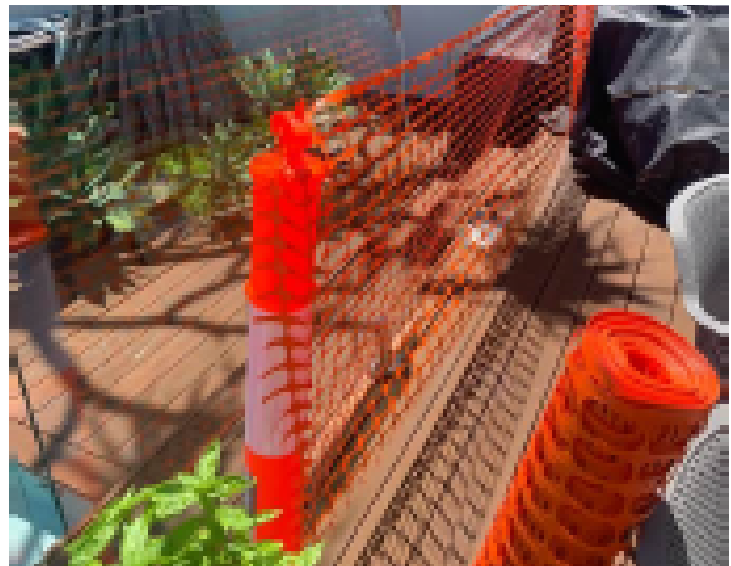
For detailed information on Victoria's pool and spa fencing laws, visit the Victorian Building Authority's website <https://www.vba.vic.gov.au/consumers/swimming-pools>. For Queensland's pool and spa fencing laws, visit the Queensland Building and Construction Commission <https://www.qbcc.qld.gov.au/your-property/swimming-pools/pool-safety-standard/pool-fences>

Please see the below examples of a **Compliant** and **Non-Compliant** temporary fence around a pool:

Compliant Fence



Non-Compliant Fence



SunSmart Tradies.

For more information visit www.cancer.org.au

Work outdoors? Use UV protection every day
Protect yourself in **five ways** from skin cancer



An estimated **200 melanomas** and **34,000 other skin cancers** diagnosed each year in Australia are the result of UV damage in the workplace.

