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Propped open pool gates and faulty latches are a leading cause of drowning deaths in young children.

It only takes seconds for a child to drown, so regularly check that the latch is working and never prop the pool gate open.

Owners and occupiers are responsible for keeping the pool gate closed and maintained.

Remember...



Don't prop the gate open! Keeping it closed will help prevent young children from drowning – a gate that is propped open will not.



Keep the pool gate maintained and make sure it is self-closing and also self-latching.



ALWAYS supervise young children around swimming and spa pools.