

**Date:** Wednesday 30 September 2015  
**Time:** 4.00pm  
**Meeting Room:** Puketapapa Local Board Office  
**Venue:** Fickling Centre  
546 Mt Albert Road  
Three Kings

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## **Puketāpapa Local Board Swimming Pool Fencing Exemptions Committee**

### **OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS**

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NZS 8500:2006 SAFETY BARRIERS AND FENCES AROUND SWIMMING POOLS, SPAS AND HOT TUBS

3.10 Above-ground spas and hot tubs

Above-ground spas and hot tubs shall meet all of the following (see figure 3.11):

- (a) The top of the spa pool or hot tub shall be positioned with the entire top surface not less than 760 mm above the surrounding ground or deck;
- (b) The cover shall be lockable and shall be kept locked when the spa pool or hot tub is not being used or supervised. A locking device shall contain a mechanical locking mechanism or a self-locking mechanism in addition to latching shut;
- (c) The locks shall not be able to be readily opened or released by a child of up to the age of six years;
- (d) When locked the cover shall be fitted so that if lifted it does not release the locking device or provide a clearance greater than 100 mm;
- (e) The cover shall be made of a material that if walked on cannot collapse and can withstand the weight of at least 20 kg to ensure that it will more than take the weight of a child up to six years of age;
- (f) The cover shall be constructed of material that meets ASTM F1346-91 to allow easy movement on and off the spa pool or hot tub;
- (g) The cover shall be constructed with a taper from the centre hinge to the outside edge of the cover so that water will not pond on top of it;
- (h) The cover shall have an evenly spaced mechanical locking device as required in (b) which shall be positioned to ensure the cover cannot be lifted more than 100 mm by a child up to six years of age, and ensures that the cover is fixed securely to the spa pool or hot tub;
- (i) The cover and locks shall be maintained at all times in a good state of repair;
- (j) Warning stickers/signs shall be placed on the cover to advise that it shall be locked in place when the spa pool or hot tub is not being used or supervised;
- (k) Removable steps, movable furniture, or other objects that can assist a young child to climb onto the cover, shall be stowed/stored away at least 1200 mm from the side of the spa pool or hot tub.

3.10.1 Non compliant above-ground spa pools and hot tubs

Failure to comply with 3.10 will require a barrier/fence complying with this Standard.

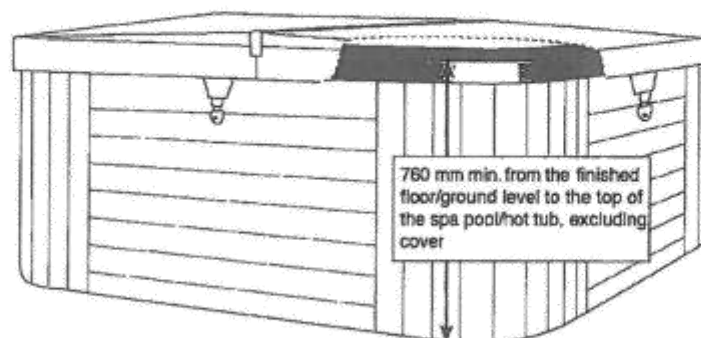


Figure 3.11 – Example of typical spa pool

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