



FIVE COMMON POOL FENCING MISTAKES AND HOW TO AVOID THEM

Designing and installing a new pool is by no means a cheap endeavour, so it's important that the final space delivers on both form and function

f you're thinking about building a new pool, don't forget to plan what happens around the pool as well. In Australia, that means you are going to have to investigate installing a pool fence. Not only is pool fencing a safety necessity, but done right, it can also add an extra touch of aesthetic appeal to your backyard design. Just like the pool installation itself, there are many things you need to consider when it comes to fencing. With that in mind, we've put together the five most common poolside planning mistakes and how to avoid them.

1. COMPROMISING ON QUALITY

Don't make the mistake of thinking you can cut corners on the quality of the fencing to lower the cost of the overall project. Having a low-quality fence is only going to cause problems in the long run. Choose a trusted supplier/installer and get them involved from the very beginning of the project.

If you're going to the expense of paying for a private swimming pool, you want to make sure the entire job is finished to the best standards, fencing included. The potential loss you could

incur due to poor-quality materials or a bad install far outweighs the initial investment in quality products and service.

2. COMPROMISING SAFETY

There's more than one way to install a pool fence while still meeting legislative requirements. However, if you don't know what your options are and what to look for, you could end up with a not so pleasing result. From a compliance perspective, it's important to understand what the pool fence laws are in your state and to seek professional



advice to ensure you don't install a fence that doesn't meet the requirements.

3. SAVING SPACE

For most people, pool fencing is the last part of the overall job and you would be amazed by how many homeowners simply forget to accommodate the area needed for that finishing touch. After you have reserved the space for the pool itself, you need to make sure you then go even further out with your boundaries to ensure you have made room for the fencing that is going around it.

4. CHOOSING THE RIGHT MATERIAL

The wrong type of pool fence can look like an eyesore, so ensure your fence suits the location and direction of your pool. Glass fencing, for example, is always going to look better when it is in front of a pleasing view instead of something like a brick wall.

Glass fencing is generally the most expensive, but is popular due to the sleek design and stylish finish it gives to your pool space. Install a pool fence that doesn't compromise or interrupt the look of your backyard.

5. OVERLOOKING MAINTENANCE

Unprotected fencing materials are susceptible to the elements. Over time, wear and tear will

drastically depreciate the look of your pool area. Glass fencing, for instance, is porous and absorbs contaminants, which can result in glass that is etched and discoloured, making a clear fence appear cloudy and hazy. Salt spray and pool chemicals such as chlorine also discolour glass, ruining the aesthetic and making it costly to clean and maintain.

Using a combined glass protection / easy-clean coating such as EnduroShield creates a protective barrier that stops contaminants soaking into the glass. Instead, water and contaminants bead up on the protected surface and are easily wiped off. EnduroShield keeps glass cleaner for longer, significantly reducing cleaning time — and not having to clean your pool glass so often saves time, money and water.

Regardless of what material you use, it's important to make sure you choose a certified, warranted product by a trusted installer. While it might cost you a bit more up front to ensure that compliance and design both come out on top, the initial outlay is often worth it in the long term.

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EnduroShield is the easy clean protection of choice for this exclusive bayside home.

Along the coast, glass is particularly susceptible to salt spray, which quickly leads to a build-up that can be impossible to clean. EnduroShield is the easy clean protection of choice for this exclusive bay-side home situated in the prestigious canal estate of Raby Bay off the Redlands coastline in Queensland.

Frameless glass fencing pre-treated with EnduroShield borders the pool and property boundary leading onto the private pontoon. The frameless glass supplied and installed by Wood Glass Group was chosen to provide uninterrupted views of the luxurious infinity pool and sprawling bay, offering safety, quality, and ease of maintenance. EnduroShield is a non-stick protective coating that makes frameless glass resistant to dirt, grime, pool chemicals, mineral deposits, and salt corrosion.

Wood Glass Group choose to partner with EnduroShield to offer their clients the highest quality finish in frameless glass pool fencing, tested for durability, and proven to withstand even the harshest weather conditions along the coast, from searing heat to heavy rains.

"EnduroShield is a fantastic product. Customers frequently ask about maintaining the aesthetic of their pool area. A constant theme from our clients is having to continuously clean their glass from chlorine splashed from the pool and sea salt in the air if living coastal. The answer is EnduroShield. It is recommended to all our customers and is an optional extra on all our quotes. Customers who choose EnduroShield are always extremely satisfied with the product."

Darren O'Keeffe – Director, Wood Glass Group

EnduroShield together with Wood Glass Group provide low maintenance, seamless outdoor glass solutions that guarantees a clear view every time. Now all that's left to do is sit back and enjoy the resort vibes of this bay-side oasis.



AWARD-WINNING POOLS

Crystal Pools came home with four wins at the 2021 MBA Awards

NSW pool builder, Crystal Pools, celebrated some noteworthy wins at the awards in late 2021.

- Winner: Display Pool, Open Price Category Binet Homes
- Joint winner: Concrete Pools \$100,001-\$150,000 Wahroonga
- Winner: Concrete Pools up to \$50,000 Glenhaven
- Finalist: Concrete Pools \$100,001-\$150,000 Willoughby East
- Finalist: Concrete Pools \$50,001-\$100,000 Newport

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2022 PRODUCT REVIEW AWARD

EvoHeat is recognised for its advanced energy efficiency and smart features

EvoHeat has been awarded the 2022 ProductReview Award for its Evo Force-i & Evo Fusion-i pool heat pumps, after being recognised by Australian consumers for their advanced energy efficiency and smart features. ProductReview.com.au is one of the most trusted online review sites for Australian consumers seeking real options and reviews. Their annual awards highlight products and services that have been recognised as the best and most reliable purchasing choice available to Australian consumers.

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UNCOMPLICATED, ROUTINE CLEANING ON TREND

Clever glass cleaning — recognised as a helpful hack

A prominent trend right now sees consumers gravitating towards cleaning hacks, how-to guides and housekeeping blogs for time-saving tips and tricks, many of which are promoting a regular cleaning ritual over saving up all the work for a big clean. Trusted publication *Good Housekeeping* names EnduroShield as one of eight best cleaning tricks for a spotless home. EnduroShield is a non-stick, durable protection that makes cleaning easy and keeps glass looking clearer for longer.

Cleaning doesn't have to be complicated; the movement prescribes simple products and routines for a consistently clean home. "2021 was a record year for pool fencing applications, with customers choosing the easy-clean benefits of EnduroShield for their exterior glass more than ever before," says Nicci Chaney, marketing and relationships co-ordinator at PCT Global.

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STRIKING THE RIGHT BALANCE

A new way to keep your pool at a perfect pH level

Naked Pools has launched its new NKD-pH controller, an automatic acid feeder to ensure your pool remains at the perfect pH, benefitting both your skin and health. Almost four years on from Naked Pools' innovative Naked



Freshwater System, the company has introduced the NKD-pH controller as an easy way to manage your pool's chemical balance. The controller integrates seamlessly into your existing NKD-R Freshwater System, making monitoring your pool's chemical balance a breeze.

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VINTAGE TERRAZZO WITH A MODERN TWIST

A new range of premium terrazzo

The Pantheon range of premium terrazzo, a new range exclusive to Granite Works, is handmade and produced to order. The gorgeous stone is suitable for internal and external applications — from benchtops to pool coping — and will add a high-end finish to any project. "Terrazzo has been widely used inside homes for decades," says Jordan Taylor, director at Granite Works. "By texturing the surface and offering custom dimensions, we hope to afford customers a wider range of uses."

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