

## CONSUMER AFFAIRS

### BANNED POOL SKIMMER BOXES

*Does your swimming pool or spa have a 'potty seat' style skimmer box or filter inlet without a fixed protective lid? If yes, you could be placing children at severe risk of injury.*

#### **PROHIBITED**

This type of skimmer box/filter inlet has been prohibited from sale in the Northern Territory since 1985 due to the high risk of injury posed to children.

Despite the ban, older Territory residences may still have these types of filter inlets in their backyardpool, and may be unaware of the potential dangers.

Problems occur when a child sits in the recess. The pump suction seal the buttocks around the strainer basket allowing the suction to act on the child's internal organs, which can result in severe internal injuries, including disembowelment.

These injuries have previously resulted in the death of a number of children.



#### **MODIFICATIONS**

YOU are responsible for ensuring your backyard pool or spa is safe.

Make your pool or spa safe NOW by arranging for modifications to be carried out whereby a **permanent** protective lid is fixed to the filter inlet.

Manufacturers or repairers of fibreglass pools are able to carry out this work for approximately \$300.

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