

Community Safety Announcement

Recall of unsafe pool gate latches that pose a drowning risk for children

A voluntary recall is underway of unsafe gate latches for swimming pool fences which can be locked in an open position, posing a potential drowning risk for children. The strike component is being recalled, contained in the following latches:

- SafeTech Top Pull Pool Gate Latch (Key Lockable)
- G8Safe Top Pull Pool Gate Latch (Key Lockable)
- SafeTech TriLatch (Key Lockable)
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Authorities have been advised that an investigation into the imported products found that they do not comply with Australian standards relating to safety barriers for swimming pools. If the gate is open, turning the key in the striker component of the gate latch may cause the gate to remain locked in the open position which will not prevent unsupervised access to the pool area.

They were sold exclusively through Bunnings Warehouse stores in Australia, the hardware chain reporting that more than 80,700 non-compliant units have been sold throughout Australian since January 2014.



The supplier of the product in Australia, SafeTech Hardware Pty Ltd, has initiated a voluntary recall and advised affected consumers to disable the key lock mechanism by removing the key from the striker and filling the key hole with waterproof adhesive and register for a replacement striker. Once the key lock is disabled the pool latch is compliant with Australian Pool Safety Standards.

Swimming Pool owners are urged to check their pool gate latches urgently. If found to be the defective ones consumers should register their details by phoning 1300 034 096 or visiting <http://www.safetechhardware.com.au>. The replacement product will come with "How to Change Your Striker" instructions, which are also available on the SafeTech Hardware website.

Further information can be found at:

<https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/announcements/recall-unsafe-pool-gate-latches-pose-drowning-risk-children>

<https://www.productsafety.gov.au/recall/safetech-hardware-australia-pty-ltd-keyed-striker-component-of-safetech-top-pull-latch-safetech-trilatch-g8safe-top-pull-latch-g8safe-trilatch>