

1. **TITLE:** **POOL COVERS**
2. **DATE ISSUED:** 1 July 1996 **ISSUE:** 1
3. **PURPOSE:** To provide advice and guidance on the use of pool covers for both indoor and outdoor environments.
4. **DESCRIPTION:**
 - 4.1 Pool covers should be fitted with fastening devices allowing longitudinal fixing to reduce the chance of being dislodged in strong winds.
 - 4.2 a) Pool covers should not be partially removed to allow lap swimming unless under strict and constant supervision.
b) Recreational swimming is not recommended when pool covers have been partially removed.
 - 4.3 Pool covers should never be used as a substitute for appropriate and adequate isolation fencing.
 - 4.4 Installation and removal of pool covers should be carried out in accordance with manufacturers operating instructions and occupational health and safety guidelines.
 - 4.5 a) Pool covers should be stored and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer recommendations.
b) Pool covers and storage frames should not be permanently or temporarily located thereby inhibiting supervisory sightlines or creating a hazard to the public or staff.