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**Request
from:**

For: Residential Pools

**Response
by:**

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Pool Compliance Officer



Ref: SR1953515

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Dear [Redacted]

OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL POOLS

I refer to your official information request dated 12 December 2019 for information about residential pools.

The information you requested is enclosed.

1. How many residential pools are there within the Nelson City Council region?

Nelson City Council are aware of approximately 800 that require inspection in accordance with Section 162D of the Building Act 2004

2. What is the charge for a pool inspection?

Currently \$100.00

3. What is the fine for a failed pool inspection?

There is an infringement fine as per the Building Act 2004

4. How many pool inspections have taken place since the new rules came into force in 2017?

Approximately 580

5. How many failed pool inspections have there been since the new rules came into force in 2017?

Approximately 25% of those inspected

6. How many fines/charges have been imposed because inspectors couldn't access the property for an inspection since the new rules came into force in 2017?

Nelson City Council don't apply fines when they are unable to access a property. However, additional site visits may incur fees as per Nelson City Council's [Fees and Charges](#)

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7. How much money has the council collected in inspection fees since the new rules came into force in 2017?

\$35,652.44 + GST.

8. How much money has the council collected in failed pool inspection fines/fees since the new rules came into force in 2017?

Nelson City Council don't charge for failed inspections and there have been no infringements pursued since 2017.

9. How many children have drowned in residential pools and spas since the new rules came into force in 2017?

The information on Water Safety NZ website does not appear to cover the period you requested. They may be able to provide more up to date statistics if you contact them. In Nelson area I personally am not aware of any deaths due to drowning in residential pools or spas. I am aware of two children taken to hospital but it is likely I would not be informed of such occurrences depending on the circumstances.

More information about Swimming Pool consents can be found on [the website](#).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or Freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this information with us, please feel free to contact Marie
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Yours sincerely



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Request details

Type of request

LGOIMA (Official information request)

Details of your request

Hello,

I would like to request the following under the Official Information Act.

- * How many residential pools are there within the Nelson City Council region?
- * What is the charge for a pool inspection?
- * What is the fine for a failed pool inspection?
- * How many pool inspections have taken place since the new rules came into force in 2017?
- * How many failed pool inspections have there been since the new rules came into force in 2017?
- * How many fines/charges have been imposed because inspectors couldn't access the property for an inspection since the new rules came into force in 2017?
- * How much money has the council collected in inspection fees since the new rules came into force in 2017?
- * How much money has the council collected in failed pool inspection fines/fees since the new rules came into force in 2017?
- * How many children have drowned in residential pools and spas since the new rules came into force in 2017?

Many thanks,



Supporting Document