

RACV Child Safety Inspection – Scope

(FireSafe included & Pool Safety optional)

This document lists all items covered by the RACV Child Safety Inspection

Electrical Safety Switch (RCD)

- Switchboard accessibility
- Safety switch equipment present or absent
- Safety switch equipment test failed

Building Hazards: (pertaining to safety)

- Lack childproof lock or mechanism to the cupboard
- Lack of childproof storage of sharp tools
- Lack of childproof lock or mechanism to the drawer
- Confined space risk
 - » no internal access handle
 - » being at risk of seizing shut
- Furniture Tip Over Risk
 - » no visible evidence of adequate anchoring to the wall
- Play equipment risk
 - » being unstable
 - » disrepair
 - » lack of impact resistant ground surface
 - » fall risk greater than 1 metre
- Road access from exterior risk
 - » the road being within 10 metres of the house
 - » the road being within 20 metres of the house
 - » the road being within 50 metres of the house
 - » no fence/gate being present between the yard and road
 - » fence/gate being less than 1200mm high
 - » gap at base of fence/gate being greater than 100mm
 - » there being a climbable opportunity within 900mm intervals of the fence/gate
 - » the gate not having an automatic close and lock function
 - » the gate latch being within 1500mm of the ground
- Road access from door risk
 - » the road being within 10 metres of the house
 - » the road being within 20 metres of the house
 - » the road being within 50 metres of the house
 - » the door not having an automatic close and lock function
 - » the handle being less than 1500mm from the floor or climbable opportunity
- Driveway risk
- Water course/dam proximity risk
- Excessive floor movement
- Damaged flooring

- Damaged wall(s)
- Damaged ceiling
- Damaged post(s)
- Damaged beam(s)
- Damaged step/stair(s)
- Damaged balustrading
- Separating balcony/deck attachment(s)
- Damaged guttering
- Damaged eave
- Damaged other fixture
- Damaged/unstable fencing
 - » rot/decay
 - » disrepair
 - » rust
 - » splitting
 - » separation
 - » an incident
 - » suspected termite activity
- Minimum head room risk
 - » less than 2030mm from the stair nosing line
 - » less than 1950 from the walking surface
- Spa bath recirculation suction/drowning risk
- Toilet door access risk
- Fishpond/water feature drowning risk
- Retaining wall integrity risk over 500mm
- Sharp conditions risk
 - » protruding screws
 - » protruding nails
 - » sharp edge/corner
 - » other
- Structure deterioration risk
 - » decay
 - » rust

Glass Hazards

- Damaged glass pane
- Damaged glass screen
- Damaged glass insert
- Damaged mirror
- Damaged seal/frame
- Suspected absent safety glass
- Absent visible glass banding

Slip Hazards

- Low friction walking surface slip risk
 - » likely to be slippery when wet
 - » currently slippery when dry
- Unsecured mat(s) on low friction walking surface slip risk
- Moss on the walking surface slip risk
- Steep walking surface risk slip risk
- Low friction standing surface in a bath that incorporates a shower slip risk
- Foreign matter on the walking surface slip risk
 - » Oil
 - » Grease
 - » Sand/soil
 - » Soap build-up
 - » Other

Trip Hazards

- Over 10mm trip risk
 - » being between 10-20mm in height with a similar surface colour
- Over 20mm trip risk
 - » Being between 20-75mm in height
- Fixed floor covering trip risk
 - » being damaged
 - » inconsistent/uneven
- Step/stair dimension(s) trip risk
 - » height greater than 190mm
 - » height less than 75mm
 - » tread less than 240mm
 - » inconsistent height and/or depth
- Uneven external walking surface trip risk
 - » inconsistent surface
 - » ledge/edge greater than 20mm and less than 190mm
 - » objects in, on or adjacent to the walking surface

Fall Hazards

- High steps/stair fall risk
 - » the lack of childproof barrier or gate at the top of the stairs
- Climbable opportunity risk
 - » via a structure
 - » via a tree
- Greater than 190mm (less than 1m) fall risk
 - » no barrier or balustrade present
 - » an inadequate balustrade
- Greater than 1m fall risk
 - » no balustrade present

- » balustrade height less than 1m metre from the internal standing surface
- » penetrable gap greater than 125mm in diameter
- » fixed climbable opportunity within the balustrade height between 150mm and 750mm
- » balustrade height less than 865mm from the stair nosing line
- » absence of a secure handrail on frameless glass balustrade
- » other
- Greater than 2m fall risk
 - » no balustrade present
 - » balustrade height less than 1m metre from the internal standing surface
 - » penetrable gap greater than 125mm in diameter
 - » fixed climbable opportunity within the balustrade height between 150mm and 750mm
 - » balustrade height less than 865mm from the stair nosing line
 - » absence of a secure handrail on frameless glass balustrade
 - » other
- Greater than 4m fall risk
 - » no balustrade present
 - » balustrade height less than 1m metre from the internal standing surface
 - » penetrable gap greater than 125mm in diameter
 - » fixed climbable opportunity within the balustrade height between 150mm and 750mm
 - » balustrade height less than 865mm from the stair nosing line
 - » absence of a secure handrail on frameless glass balustrade
 - » other
- Bedroom window fall risk
 - » window opening less than 1.7 metres from the internal standing surface
 - » window opening greater than 125mm
 - » a greater than 2 metre external fall
 - » a greater than 4 metre external fall
 - » fixed climbable opportunity as part of or adjacent to the window
- Non-bedroom window fall risk
 - » window opening less than 865mm from the internal standing surface
 - » window opening greater than 125mm
 - » a greater than 2 metre external fall
 - » a greater than 4 metre external fall
 - » fixed climbable opportunity as part of or adjacent to the window
- Stair riser gap fall risk
 - » a greater than 1m fall
 - » gap greater than 125mm
- Retaining wall fall from risk
 - » an over 500mm fall
 - » a hard surface below
 - » no barrier or balustrade present

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- Handrail inadequacy for steps fall risk
 - » no handrail present
 - » an inadequate handrail present
- Climbable object near balustrade fall risk
 - » being within the 1 metre arc of the balustrade handrail
 - » a greater than 2 metre external fall
 - » a greater than 4 metre external fall
- Climbable object near window fall risk
- Window restrictor inadequacy
 - » key left in the device
 - » currently unlocked
 - » does not permanently restrict to 125mm
 - » broken or damaged

Electrical Hazards

- Power point risk
 - » lack of childproof cover/plug
 - » being within 1m of the floor
 - » being accessible via a climbable opportunity
- Oven and stove risk
 - » the oven door handle being accessible
 - » the stove hot plates being accessible
- TV tip over risk
 - » no visible evidence of adequate anchoring to the wall
- Damaged power point
- Damaged light fitting
- Damaged switch
- Damaged fixed appliance
 - » not secured adequately
 - » cracked
 - » seized/broken
 - » exposed wiring
 - » smoke residue
- Power point(s) within water source splash zone
 - » within 150mm horizontally and/or 400mm vertically from a sink
 - » within 500mm horizontally and 1000mm vertically from a bath
 - » within 300mm vertically from the walking surface in a wet area
 - » an inadequate style of power point exposed to weather
 - » in close proximity to a stove top
- Accessible empty light socket(s) within 1500mm of the floor or climbable opportunity
- Fixed fan blades in an unsafe location
- Appliance at risk of a tip and fall
- Excessive use of power point/board risk
- Electrical cable without conduit risk
- Automatic garage door risk

Gas Hazards

(Natural, Propane, Butane, LPG & LNG excludes Co2)

- Outlet leak
- Meter leak
- Pipe joint leak
- Fixed appliance leak
- Fixed gas cylinder leak

Moisture Hazards

- Moisture staining on the surface
- Mould/Mildew growth on the surface
- High moisture meter reading in wall
- Water pooling adjacent to wall
- Water pooling in the subfloor

Pest Hazards

- Rodent activity
- Cockroach activity
- Flea activity
- Suspected Termite activity
- Spider activity

Curtain cord Hazards

- Curtain/blind cords and/or chains that are unsafe
 - » lower than 1600mm from the standing surface
 - » able to form a loop of 220mm in its current state or if intertwined
 - » not secured adequately
 - » compliant cleat present although not utilised
 - » above 1600mm although accessible via fixed climbable opportunity
- Curtain cord is cleated although at risk of being un-cleated

Tree/branch Hazards

- Large tree/branch over wires
- Low sharp branch within walkway
- Gutter debris fire/water ingress risk
- Tree/branch risk
 - » large tree over the home
 - » large tree branches over the home
 - » large tree branches over the walkway
 - » tree branch within walkways lower than 2030mm

Inhalation/Contaminant/Ingestion Hazards

- Access to poisons risk
 - » lack of child proof lock or mechanism to the cupboard/drawer/shelving
 - » stored detergent
 - » stored shampoo/conditioner
 - » stored medication
 - » stored rodent killer
 - » stored weed killer
 - » stored bleach
 - » stored insecticide
- Fireplace/gas/oil heater carbon monoxide (CO) risk
- Suspected undisturbed asbestos material
- Suspected disturbed asbestos material
- Garage carbon monoxide (CO) risk
- Chemical storage risk
 - » paint
 - » fuel
 - » chlorine
 - » cleaning products
 - » weed killer
 - » other

Security Hazards

- Inadequate or absent lock
 - » to the window
 - » to the main entry door
 - » to the perimeter door
- The main entry door is not illuminated adequately
 - » no light present
 - » missing bulb
 - » broken bulb
 - » bulb not illuminating

Hot Water Hazards

- The hot water temperature exceeds 50 degrees

FIRESAFE (included)

- Is there a sufficient number installed?
- Was our inspection restricted?
- Are the units installed in a compliant location?
- Are the units damaged?
- What type – Photoelectric or Ionisation?
- How the units powered – 240v or 9v?
- If mains powered is there 240v power present?
- Is the expiry date visible?
- Has the unit expired?
- Is there an A.S. sticker/stamp present on the unit?
- Did we replace the battery in the unit?
- Does the sound button operate on the unit?
- Is the unit alarm sound above 85 Db?
- Did we clean the unit?
- What is the expiry date of the unit?

Personal observation

- Any other safety issues the inspector determines as appropriate to document as per the Inspector Code of Conduct.

Fireplace/Fixed heater Hazards

- Absent safety screen
- Flammable opportunities within 1m
- Damaged fuel supply line(s)

Pool fencing inadequacy (when Pool Safety not selected)

- Gate(s) do not latch from any open position after 25kg load test
- Pool area not free of objects that could be used to prop open the gate(s) by 4 metres
- Fence panels damaged or missing
- Climbable light weight furniture within 4m present that could be used as a climbable opportunity
- Resuscitation sign not installed

POOL SAFETY (optional) •

Gates

- » Do the gates open away from the pool?
 - » Do the gates latch from any open position after 25kg load test?
 - » Do the gates stay latched when pulled with 25kg force?
 - » Are the gates latches a minimum of 1500 above ground level or 1400mm from the highest lower horizontal?
 - » Are the gates latches shielded by a 450mm radius if a lower latch is present?
 - » Is the gap between the gate and the fence latch post at no greater than 10mm?
 - » Is the gap between the bottom of the gate(s) and the ground 100mm or less?
 - » Are the gates at least 1200mm high?
 - » Are the gaps between the gate verticals 100mm or less when squeezed with 15kg of force?
 - » Are the gate hinges at least 900mm apart and if not greater than 10mm in diameter or has non-climbable caps?
 - » Is the pool area free of objects that could be used to prop open the gates by 4 metres?
- Fencing – 1200mm fencing
 - » Is the pool fence at least 1200mm high?
 - » Is there water course access into the pool area?
 - » Is the gap between the bottom of the fence and ground not greater than 100mm?
 - » Are the gaps between the fence verticals no greater than 100mm when squeezed with 15kg of force?
 - » Are the pool fence horizontals at least 900mm apart?
 - » Are the paling fence vertical gaps no greater than 10mm?
 - » Are the paling fence horizontal members on the outside of the pool fence? Are all screws and fixtures securely fitted? Are all fence panels securely fitted?
 - 1800mm fencing
 - » Is the 1800mm fence free of climbable opportunities?
 - » Are the 1800mm fence horizontals at least 900mm apart?
 - » Are all 1800mm fence panels securely fitted?
- Non-climbable zones
 - » Does the fence have a clear 900mm arc in the top quadrant?
 - » Does the fence have a clear 1200mm arc in the lower quadrant?
 - » Is the fence is free of climbable openings, protrusions and indentations greater than 10mm?
 - » Is the fence free of climbable light weight furniture outside of the pool area by 4 metres?
 - » Is the fence free of climbable objects within 300mm inside of the pool area and within 900mm of the top edge?
 - Strength and rigidity
 - » Are the vertical bars gaps free of permanent deformation when squeezed with 15kg of force?
 - » Is the fence free of permanent deformation when pushed horizontally with 25kg of force?
 - » Is the fence free of permanent deformation when loaded vertically with 33kg of force?
 - » Is the fence free of rust, timber rot, loose and missing fixings?
 - Window and door access
 - » Are there windows present that are not compliantly restricted?
 - » Are there doors present that are not compliantly restricted?
 - Resuscitation sign
 - » Is there a resuscitation sign installed.
 - » Is the resuscitation sign at least 300X300mm in dimension?
 - » Is the resuscitation sign durable and weatherproof?
 - » Is the resuscitation sign visible from the pool area?
 - » Does the resuscitation sign mention 2 breaths and 30 compressions?
 - » Does the resuscitation sign mention the DRABCD first aid action plan?
 - » Does the resuscitation sign mention dial 000 for an ambulance?