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Adapting pool-access timber doors old and new for safety compliance

Whether you're preserving period architecture or simply have a preference for timber joinery, pool safety compliance can be achieved with style

In the interests of child safety, if doors are the only barrier between home interior and pool zone, the Fencing of Swimming Pools Act 1987 (FoSPA) requires that they self-close and self-latch.

For most pool owners however, the concept of adding door security devices or pool fencing suggests little to preserve aesthetics – particularly if there's a need or preference for period architecture. The original door and window styles of older dwellings are intrinsic to their yesteryear appeal.

So it's good news that preserving original style – and offering a pool-safe environment – can be achieved with individually customised solutions.

It's even more reassuring to know that it can be achieved almost invisibly.



With no two home pool zones exactly the same, many present unique challenges – 'unusual' installations become the norm.

The ultimate objective is, of course, to prevent access of unsupervised children into the pool zone, in which Swish systems comply with FoSPA1987 and NZS 8500:2006. Swish systems continue to demonstrate, in architecture old and new, that this important goal can be achieved with style, even in exceptional circumstances.

Top left: Constraints in the timber sliding door arrangement in this period-style poolhouse necessitated a surface-mounted system for a SelfLatch/SelfClose™ mechanism. Most Swish systems can be fitted invisibly inside the door frame, but even this exceptional example is virtually undistinguishable in its surroundings.



Left: Tidy solution for a challenging timber sliding door arrangement: End view of the surface-mounted duct concealing a SelfClose™ system.



Hidden SelfLatch/ SelfClose™ systems can be retrofitted to most older or modern timber door frames. Precision-engineered, marine-grade stainless steel componentry can be matched accordingly, ensuring smooth operation and long life.

Left: In-frame SelfClose™ detail for a 3-panel, 4-metre-wide, stacked sliding door installation.

Below: Completely hidden safety componentry provides an uninterrupted, restful view of the pool zone. ■

