



# Media release

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## **Spa amnesty**

As a community safety initiative, with the aim to prevent drowning, the City is inviting owners of spas, jacuzzis and outdoor hot tubs to contact the City of Albany if they do not have a safety barrier and/or Building Licence/Permit for their spa, jacuzzi or outdoor hot tub.

This will be an opportunity for residents to receive advice on safety barriers. Drowning is the most common cause of preventable death for children aged 0-5.

There will be no charge for an inspection.

Spas, jacuzzis and outdoor hot tubs require a Building Licence/Permit to ensure that they have been installed safely, have safety barriers, are compliant for electrical and plumbing work, and if in the ground, have the necessary strength to withstand the pressure of the surrounding earth.

If a landowner has a spa, jacuzzi or outdoor hot tub without a Building Permit and/or without a compliant safety barrier they are encouraged to contact City of Albany's Senior Building Compliance Officer on 9841 9380 for advice and assistance.

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