

## Cyprus swimming pool safety nets



**WHAT IS A POOL SAFETY NET?** A pool safety net is a proven and effective safety barrier favoured by many parents. It consists of a specially manufactured net, whose final shape is customised on-site to match the contours of the swimming pool. The net is attached to the perimeter of the pool using anchors and clips, after which tension is applied to the net to make it taut.

The mesh squares are uniquely sized so that they are too small for a child's head to squeeze through, and too large for a child to walk on or play on. And because the perimeter of the net is anchored to the pool deck, children are unable to crawl under the edge of the net. In this way a secure barrier is created; one which completely prevents young children from accessing the pool. An adult can remove the net from the pool, but generally not a child under 12 years old.

**HOW DOES A POOL SAFETY NET WORK?** In the middle of the net is a Centre Tensioning System (CTS). Used in conjunction with a ratchet pulley and two control lines, the CTS enables the tension in the net to be released prior to removal for swimming; and to be re-applied after the net is put back on the pool.



## WHY DO PEOPLE LIKE POOL SAFETY NETS?

- Mid-blue in colour, pool safety nets are easy on the eye and perfectly preserve the ambience and aesthetics of the swimming pool area
- Nets can be removed from an average swimming pool in 3-4 minutes, and replaced in 5-7 minutes - much less time than the 20-30 minutes required for each operation with a pool safety cover
- A safety net does not obscure your view of the pool in the same way as a cover...and it also allows the warming rays of the sun through
- A safety net can be easily installed on wooden decking - a surface which can preclude the installation of some types of pool safety barrier

If you have a small garden, or desire a barrier which won't spoil your scenic views, then a pool safety net may be just right for you.

**ARE THERE DRAWBACKS TO A POOL SAFETY NET?** For a net to function effectively as a pool safety barrier, it requires discipline in its use. For this reason, the net must be put back on the pool immediately swimming is finished...even if you anticipate using the pool a short while later.

Safety nets are unsuitable for use on overflow pools and (with certain exceptions) infinity pools

**WHAT'S INCLUDED WITH A POOL SAFETY NET INSTALLATION?** A safety net installation includes the net, CTS, control lines, ratchet pulley, Roller, anchors & clips, skilled labour (typically 15-20 man-hours) and VAT.

**BEWARE OF POOR QUALITY IMITATIONS** The pool safety nets we supply are unparalleled in terms of product design, manufacturing detail and quality of components. In fact, they're so good they're protected by patent. So good also that hundreds of thousands of them have been sold over many years *without a recorded instance* of a fatality taking place.

Inevitably, successful high-quality products spawn cheap imitations. And pool safety nets are no exception. Less scrupulous manufacturers jump on the bandwagon, change



the design of the CTS, reduce the quality of materials...and then pass off the resulting item as being "virtually identical". There's a lot of nets out there of dubious provenance; so if other nets look similar to ours - or even if the vendor assures you that they are the same - that will almost certainly *not* be the case!

It doesn't end there. When a poor quality net is installed using cheap, unskilled labour, you know you have a product of questionable effectiveness. So here's a 5-point checklist to help you distinguish our pool safety nets from potentially unsafe 'look-alikes':

- The twine used in the construction of our safety nets is pre-shrunk, UV-resistant polyethylene. Crucially, it has a 10 strand nylon filament core. We all know how incredibly tough nylon is...and it is this nylon core which gives the twine - and in turn our safety net - it's strength and durability.

You may find this hard to believe, but poor quality safety nets **do not** have a nylon core. The blue sheath will be completely empty! When we come to survey your pool, please ask us to show you our net twine with its 10 strand nylon filament core; also that from a poor quality net.

- After we've shaped the perimeter of the net to match your pool, we then spend many more hours reinforcing and knotting the perimeter of the net with two more "wraps" of twine. This means the outer edge of our nets has **three** conjoined thicknesses, to give it triple-strength. This compares with the **single** perimeter line on poor quality nets.
- Because our CTS is patented and can't be copied, poor quality nets use various substitute tensioning devices in the middle of the net. These result in not enough tension being applied to the net. We've seen poor quality nets where a young child could remove the net from it's anchors with little or no effort. We've also seen nets with so little tension that a plastic flotation device is required in the middle of the CTS to keep it out of the water!
- Unlike our safety net, poor quality nets do not come with a Roller to roll your net onto when you remove it from the pool for swimming.
- Price. If what you've been quoted for a net seems too good to be true, then it almost certainly is. In life you tend to get what you pay for. Your child's safety is an issue where you cannot compromise on quality.



