

POOL SAFETY

There is never any hesitation when it comes to getting the car or the boat serviced or repaired, but all too often, servicing the pool gets overlooked.

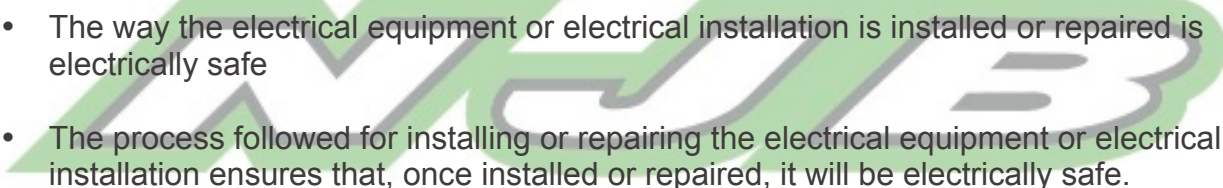
Pools are rated as number three on the list of the largest capital purchases we make in our lifetime, with a house in first position, and a car in close second. Out of these three, the car is the only one that tends to receive regular maintenance and servicing.

Houses and pools have electrical wiring and plumbing systems which require periodic maintenance, but generally owners only contact an electrician when something goes wrong. Of course, the problem with this approach is that it poses a safety risk and may even cost lives if not kept in check.

Recently there have been a number of near-misses reported concerning electrical faults in pool pumps, lights and heaters. That's why it's important to make sure your pool meets electrical safety standards.

What do I need to look out for?

When installing or servicing a pool, your electrical contractor has an obligation under electrical safety legislation to ensure that:

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- The logo for NJB Electrical Services is a large, stylized, green and grey graphic that serves as a background for the list. It features the letters 'NJB' in a bold, blocky font, with 'N' and 'J' connected and 'B' separate. The letters are filled with a green-to-white gradient and have a grey outline.
- The way the electrical equipment or electrical installation is installed or repaired is electrically safe
 - The process followed for installing or repairing the electrical equipment or electrical installation ensures that, once installed or repaired, it will be electrically safe.
 - After the electrical equipment or electrical installation is installed or repaired, the electrical worker tests and examines it to ensure it is electrically safe.

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