



SWIMMING POOL ALERT

VIRGINIA GRAEME BAKER POOL & SPA SAFETY ACT

As the weather changes and you begin to prepare your public swimming pools for use, be aware of the following:

The Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act (Act) promotes the safe use of pools, spas and hot tubs by imposing federal requirements for suction entrapment avoidance and by establishing a voluntary grant program for states with laws that meet certain minimum requirements as outlined in the Act. The Act is being administered by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

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Mandatory Federal Requirements for Entrapment Avoidance: By December 20, 2008, the Act required:

- **Safety Drain Covers:** Each swimming pool or spa drain cover manufactured, distributed, or entered into commerce in the United States shall conform to the American national Standard ASME A112.19.8-2007 Suction Fittings for Use in Swimming Pools, Wading pools, Spas and Hot tubs published by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME). Compliance with this Standard will be enforced by the CPSC as a consumer product safety rule.
- **Public Pool Drain Covers:** Each public pool, both new and existing, shall be equipped with drain covers conforming to the ASME/ANSIA112.19.8-2007 Standard described above.
- **Public Pool Drain Systems:** Each public pool with a single main drain, other than an unblockable drain, shall be equipped with one or more additional devices or systems designed to prevent suction entrapment that meet the requirements of any applicable ASME.ANSI Standard or applicable consumer product safety rule. In addition to a complaint drain cover, such additional devices or systems include a safety vacuum release system (SVRS), or suction limiting vent system, or gravity drainage system, or automatic pump shutoff system, or drain disablement, or other system determined by the CPSC to be equally effective in preventing suction entrapment.

A list of cover manufacturers and SVRS manufacturers can be found at

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