

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION UPDATE REGARDING SWIMMING POOL DRAIN COVERS

Risk Management, Inc. Safety Department strives to keep municipalities informed of new safety laws and updates to changes in those laws and other safety issues as we become aware of them.

In March, 2008, Congress passed the "Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Act". This act pertains to the replacement of certain Pool Drain Covers. Upon learning of this newly enacted law, our Safety Department began an active movement to inform municipalities with public swimming pools of this Act and the need to conform to this regulation in order to reduce the liability and the safety of their citizens. Municipalities, when informed of this issue, responded with the utmost urgency in complying.

On May 26, 2011, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) issued a RECALL of some pool and spa drain covers noting a possible entrapment hazard. The recalled drain covers were incorrectly rated to handle the flow of water through the cover, which could pose a possible entrapment hazard to swimmers and bathers. These drain covers were sold through independent distributors to professional pool and spa builders and installers. They were manufactured in the United States and China.

The recall involves various pool and spa drain covers that can be identified by the manufacturers' name and model information listed below.

Company	Model Information (websites)	Dates Sold	Remedy
A&A	www.aamfg.com	Dec. 2008 - Apr. 2011	Replacement or Retrofit
AquaStar	www.aquastarpoolproducts.com	Dec. 2008 - Apr. 2011	Replacement or Retrofit
Color Match	www.poolfittings.com	Dec. 2008 - Apr. 2011	Replacement or Retrofit
Custom Molded Products	www.c-m-p.com	Dec. 2008 - Apr. 2011	Replacement or Retrofit
Hayward Pool Products	www.hayward-pool.com	Dec. 2008 - Apr. 2011	Replacement or Retrofit
Pentair Water Pool & Spa	www.pentairpool.com	June 2009 - Apr. 2011	Replacement or Retrofit
Rising Dragon	www.risingdragonplastics.com	Dec. 2008 - Apr. 2011	Replacement or Retrofit
Waterway	www.waterwayplastics.com	Dec. 2008 - Apr. 2011	Replacement or Retrofit

In the table above, you will find each company's website. You can search the website for photos of their Recalled Drain Cover models.

Municipalities who have one of the recalled pool or spa drain covers should **Immediately** contact the manufacturer to receive a replacement or retrofit, depending on their Make and Model. It is our understanding that the replacement or retrofit will be done at no cost to the municipality.

For additional information, municipalities should contact the Drain Cover Recall Hotline toll-free at; (866) 478-3521 any time or you may visit the Drain Cover Recall website at: www.apsp.org/draincoverrecall . If you are not sure what type of drain cover you have, contact your installer for help in identifying the drain cover they installed.

Should you have questions that are unresolved regarding the Drain Cover Recall, you may contact Risk Management, Inc. Safety Department. If your municipality had its pool drain cover replaced in compliance with the “Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Act”, Please check to see if the replacement was one on the recall list. Accordingly, if it is on the recall list have it replaced or retrofitted Immediately.