

Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Safety Act

CPSC Staff's Guide to Complying with the Law

By December 19, 2008, ALL public pool owners/operators must:

- Install drain covers that meet the ANSI/ASME A112.19.8-2007 standard on EVERY drain/grate. A list of cover manufacturers can be found at www.cpsc.gov/whatsnew.html#pool.
- Install an automatic shut-off system, gravity drainage system, Safety Vacuum Release System (SVRS), or suction-limiting vent system. Pools and spas with unblockable drains are exempt from this requirement. A list of SVRS manufacturers can be found at www.cpsc.gov/whatsnew.html#pool.
- Ensure that dual or multiple main drains are at least 3 feet apart.

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Pools and spas not open on December 19, 2008, are not required to be in compliance until the day the pool or spa is reopened!

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The new Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act **requires** all new drain and grate covers be certified to applicable standards starting on November 12, 2008.

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Have a question or concern about the Pool and Spa Safety Act?
Send an email to info@cpsc.gov.