

**IF YOU HAVE A POOL OR SPA
WHAT DOES THE
VIRGINIA GRAEME BAKER
POOL & SPA
SAFETY ACT
MEAN TO YOU!!**

It means... that as of December 19, 2008, all main drain covers for POOLS & SPAS/WHIRLPOOLS in the country must comply with the federal regulations or you may not operate the pool/spa.

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REQUIREMENT:

“ALL PUBLIC POOLS & SPAS MUST HAVE AN ASME/ANSI A112.98 COMPLIANT DRAIN COVERS ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 19,2008.”

The basic requirements of the ASME/ANSI standard are:

- Cover material must be tested for structural integrity
- Cover must be tested for body entrapment and hair entrapment/entanglement
- Cover must display a flow value in GPM that indicates the maximum flow rate for which the cover has been approved.

Please note that the intent of the Federal regulations is not only to have the drain cover changed to prevent body & hair entrapment, but there is also a relationship with the sump depth that must be present to insure the drain system will comply.

WHAT MUST BE DONE TO COMPLY WITH THE FEDERAL REGULATIONS?

- 1) The Pool/Spa Owner must update the existing main drain system before DECEMBER 19th, 2008.
- 2) Any revisions to a pool or spa must have State approval.
- 3) The owner must hire an Architect or Engineer to procure such approval.
- 4) The State approval must show location & quantity of each drain indicating the new make & model number and provide calculations showing that the maximum system flow will meet the manufacturer's design criteria.
- 5) The filter must be cleaned and all system valves must be opened to produce the maximum flow rate. This is the flow rate which must be used to determine if the pool & spa drain systems is in compliance.

WE CAN HELP:

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