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Safe Pool and Spa Drain Checklist

The Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act went into effect in December 2008 to help protect children from being entrapped in public pool and spa drains. This law was enacted to increase the safety of public swimming pools and spas by requiring the use of safety devices such as anti-entrapment drain covers and safety vacuum release systems that automatically turns off the powerful suction of a drain.

Before your child goes to a pool or spa, ask the manager if the anti-entrapment protections required by law are in place:

- Does this pool/spa have anti-entrapment drain covers?
- Does this pool/spa have a single main drain? If so, is there a device like a safety vacuum release system (SVRS) that will automatically shut down the pump if something or someone becomes entrapped by the suction of the drain?
- Are your drains and safety vacuum release systems (SVRS) made by approved manufacturers? A list of approved manufactures can be found at:
www.poolsafety.gov.

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