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## Pool and Spa Drain Covers Recalled

The pool season is in full splash in Arizona so it is important to share a most recent recall of pool and spa drain covers. Although no deaths have been reported to date, it would be wise to check your pools and if these products are in place please go to the website listed below for a remedy.

On May 26, 2011, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D. C., in cooperation with the firms named below, announced the *voluntary recall* of pool and spa drain covers. "Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product." About 1 million units have been sold and installed.

**Manufacturers:** A&A Manufacturing, of Phoenix, Ariz.; AquaStar Pool Products Inc., of San Diego, Calif.; Color Match Pool Fittings, of Surprise, Ariz.; Custom Molded Products, of Tyrone, Ga.; Hayward Pool Products, of Elizabeth, N.J.; Pentair Water Pool and Spa, of Sanford, N.C.; Rising Dragon USA, of E. Sweetwater, Tenn.; and Waterway Plastics, of Oxnard, Calif.

**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.

**Remedy:** Pool owners/operators and consumers 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. Except for kiddies' pools, wading pools and in-ground spas, retrofit or replacement of installed covers are not required in pools with multiple drain systems or gravity drainage systems or for covers installed before December 19, 2008.

**To find out more about this potential hazard and manufacturer information please go to:**  
[www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prereel/prhtml11/11230.html](http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prereel/prhtml11/11230.html)

Sincerely,  
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