

## **Attention All Swimming Pool Homeowners**

As of December 2008, the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act requires that all new main drain covers be certified to revised safety standards. These revised safety standards represent significant technological advances. All public pools and spas are now required to replace the main drain covers.

Main drain covers are required to meet safety requirements that include:

- Body Entrapment
- Hair Entrapment
- Finger and Limb Entrapment
- UV Exposure
- Physical Durability

Although the law requires only public pools and spas to replace existing covers, private homeowners are encouraged to consider upgrading their own pool and spa main drain covers as well to provide an additional layer of safety.

In addition, if your pool or spa has a single main drain, homeowners are encouraged to consider installation of a second form of entrapment protection, such as a Safety Vacuum Release System (SVRS). This is a device that stops the operation of the pool pump when a blockage on the main drain is detected.

Please ask your pool service company or supply store what you can do to make your pool and spa as safe as possible for your family!