

Dear Member,

Today, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with certain drain cover manufacturers, have announced a voluntary recall of a limited number of drain covers manufactured and installed in inground pools and inground spas after December 2008. The recalled drain covers were incorrectly rated by independent third party laboratories to handle the flow of water through the cover as specified by VGBA.

What you need to know

This is a limited recall. The vast majority of inground pools and inground spas are not affected by the recall. Only certain drain covers manufactured and installed AFTER December 2008 are subject to the recall. Except for kiddie/wading pools and in-ground spas, retrofit or replacement of installed covers is not required in pools with multiple drain systems or gravity drainage systems or for covers installed before December 19, 2008.

Where can you get more information?

Consumers, builders, installers and service professionals are encouraged to visit [www.apsp.org/draincoverrecall](http://www.apsp.org/draincoverrecall) to learn which drain cover model, and pool and spa configurations are affected by the recall. Frequently asked questions for both consumers and professionals are provided there, as well as links to individual manufacturers and the recall hotline, 866-478-3521.

In addition, APSP will have a free webinar available on Tuesday, May 31, to help members understand the recall and prepare for customer questions.

To summarize

What is important for consumers to understand is that drain cover manufacturers are cooperating fully with the Consumer Product Safety Commission in this voluntary recall. Most inground pools and spas are not affected by the recall and to help consumers find out if they are affected, we have provided a website, [www.apsp.org/draincoverrecall](http://www.apsp.org/draincoverrecall) and drain cover manufacturers have set up a hotline, 866-478-3521 to answer questions.

And finally, this voluntary recall reflects APSP's leadership role in working cooperatively with the CPSC and other governmental bodies so that our members, acting collaboratively with one voice, are positioned favorably to achieve appropriate results.

Please have a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day. We will follow up with members on Tuesday in case they do not receive this email due to the holiday weekend.

Regards,

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