



SWIMMING POOL SAFETY ACT AMENDMENT

BUILDING SERVICES



Beginning January 1, 2007, whenever a building permit is issued for the construction of a new swimming pool or spa, the suction outlet shall have at least two circulation drains per pump that shall be hydraulically balanced and symmetrically plumbed through one or more “T” fittings, and that are separated by a distance of at least three feet in any dimension between the drains. Suction outlets that are less than 12 inches across shall be covered with anti-entrapment grates, as specified in the ASME/ANSI Standard A-112.19.8-2007, that cannot be removed except with the use of tools. Slots or openings in the grates or similar protective devices shall be of a shape, area, and arrangement that would prevent physical entrapment and would not pose any suction hazard to bathers. Furthermore, whenever a building permit is issued for the remodel or modification of an existing swimming pool, toddler pool, or spa, the permit shall require that the suction outlet of the existing swimming pool, toddler pool, or spa be upgraded so as to be equipped with an anti-entrapment cover meeting the current standards of the American Society for Testing Materials or the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

