

# BULLETIN

## Swimming Pools



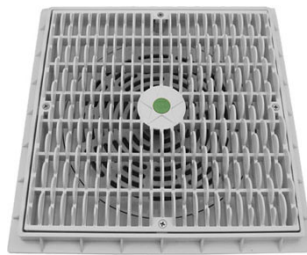
**Unblockable Drain** – a drain of any size and shape that a human body cannot sufficiently block to create a suction entrapment hazard.

**Main Drain** – a submerged suction outlet typically located at the bottom of a pool to conduct water to a recirculating pump.



### Pool & Spa Safety Act

The Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act (15 USC 8001) enacted December 19, 2008 requires at least one of the following three drain types be furnished for public pools and spas:



**1. Unblockable Drain Covers** - Each new and existing public pool and spa, whether for fee or free of charge, must be equipped with unblockable/anti-entrapment main drain covers conforming to the ASME/ANSI A112.19.8 (Suction Fittings for Use in Swimming Pools, Wading Pools, Spas, and Hot Tubs) and have the "VGB 2008", "ASME/ANSI A112.19.8", or "swimmer logo" markings.

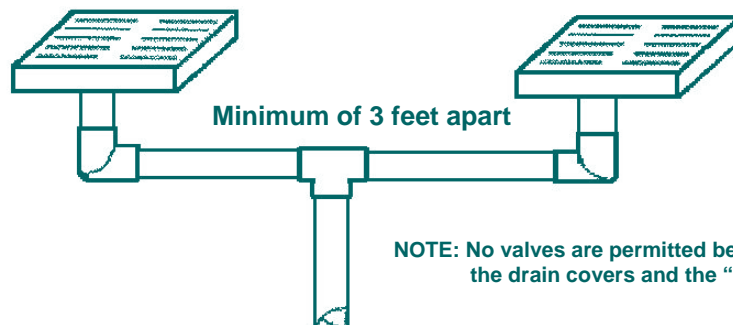


**2. Single Main Drain** - Each public pool and spa with a single main drain (other than an unblockable drain) must be equipped with one or more of the following:

- Safety Vacuum Release System (SVRS)
- Suction-Limiting Vent System
- Gravity Drainage System
- Automatic Pump Shut-Off System
- Disabled Drain
- Other Approved Consumer Product Safety Commission System



**3. Dual/Multiple Main Drains** – Each public pool and spa with dual or multiple main drains (other than unblockable drains) must be a minimum of three feet (3') or thirty-six inches (36") apart from center to center of drains.



**NOTE: No valves are permitted between the drain covers and the "T".**

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