

Safety Update

Pool Drain Safety Tips

The following Safety Tips are offered relating to pool drains.

1. WATCH THE DRAIN.

- Do not lean your body against a drain or put your hands or feet near a drain.
- Portions of the torso can become trapped against the grating, or limbs can become stuck in an open pipe.
- Swimmers with long hair should wear a bathing cap, or at least tie back their hair.

2. TIME FOR A CHANGE?

- If you have a pool or spa built before 2001, check your drain system and consider upgrading if it is inadequate.
- Safe systems will have:
 1. Two drains at least 3 feet apart
 2. Domed drain covers meeting federal safety standards
 3. A device that will break the vacuum when pressure builds.

3. CHECK THE COVER.

- Don't swim in pools or spas with loose, broken, or missing drain covers.
- Safety rated drain covers should be stamped: ASME/ANSI A112.19.8