

Spa Pools Considered Hazardous

The State Division of Public Health warned owners of hydrotherapy "spa pools" of a potential hazard recently. It was reported that an eight-year-old girl drowned when suction from the drain in her parents' spa pool held her to the bottom.

To protect against such occurrences, it is necessary to have a grate installed covering the drain in such a manner as to break up the direction suction against a flat surface.

The National Swimming Pool Institute is working with the U.S. Product Safety Commission in alerting swimming pool contractors of the hazard and encouraging them to take steps to insure installation of safe drain covers.