

FAQ

VIRGINIA GRAEME BAKER (VGB) POOL AND SPA SAFETY ACT

When is the Deadline?

- December 19, 2008 - Federal Deadline for Pools and Spas to be in compliance

Who Enforces this new law?

- Federal Consumer Product Safety Commission (See references below)
- California has not adopted the new law

Will the County shut my pool or spa down?

- Pools and Spas not in operation need not meet the requirements of the law until they return to operation
- Pools and Spas must be in compliance with the Federal law
- The Department of Environmental Health (DEH) can not enforce the VGB Act standards unless California amends its law to include these requirements

Renovations/Remodels – to meet new requirements

- DEH must approve all renovations and remodels
- Fees and plan submittal required
- 30 day plan check process

What is the cost for the plan check fees?

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| • Replaster (each pool/spa) | PE 1760 | \$283 |
| • Splitting of Main Drain/Equalizer Lines | PE 1744 | \$202 |
| • Installation of an approved Drain Cover | PE 1743 | \$142 |

References

- Law – www.cpsc.gov
- Federal Contact – Troy Whitfield Consumer Product Safety Commission (301) 504-7548
- Plan Submittal Information for DEH (408) 918-3400
- Enforcement Authority – Virginia Graeme Baker Act 15 U.S.C. 8001
- Additional Info www.ehinfo.org