



**New State Law:
Swimming Pool Safety Act of 2006 (Assembly Bill 2977)
Effective January 1, 2007**

California Health and Safety Code Section 115928 "(d) Whenever a building permit is issued for the remodel or modification of a single family home with 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 and Materials (ASTM) or the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)." To see the full text of this law visit the State of California website at: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/05-06/bill/asm/ab_2951-3000/ab_2977_bill_20060926_chaptered.html

This new State law requires that **when a building permit is issued for the remodel or modification of a single-family home** or new or remodeled swimming pool and spa, the permit shall include the installation of an anti-entrapment cover on the suction outlet of the pool or spa located on that property. The anti-entrapment cover shall meet ASTM or ASME standards.

Examples of anti-entrapment drain cover devices for existing pools



Note: Some device installations may require the pool to be empty.

Available at local pool equipment suppliers – cost of some models are less than \$30

In addition to the above, the City of Irvine Municipal Code section 5-9-304 requires that **existing*** swimming pools, toddler pools and spas be enclosed with a protection fence meeting the following requirements and that the protection fence be maintained in good condition:

- Minimum height of five feet,
- No openings between vertical members exceeding four inches,
- Gates within the enclosure shall swing away from the pool and be self-closing and self-latching with unlocking or unlatching devices located at least five feet above grade or only accessible from the pool side of the enclosing fence.

To receive rough inspection approval, the building inspector will verify the installation of an anti-entrapment device and the integrity of the existing pool enclosure.

***Note:** New pools are subject to additional safety requirements. For complete requirements refer to the [City of Irvine General Notes for Swimming Pools and Spas](#) available at the Community Development Permit Center.