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### **Waterway Plastics Recalls Certain Drain Covers Due to Incorrect Ratings Covers Pose Possible Entrapment Hazard to Swimmers**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.

**Name of Product:** Pool drain covers

**Units:** About 50,850

**Manufacturer:** Waterway Plastics, of Oxnard, Calif.

**Hazard:** The recalled drain covers were incorrectly rated to handle the flow of water through the cover, which could pose a possible entrapment hazard to swimmers and bathers.

**Incidents/Injuries:** None reported

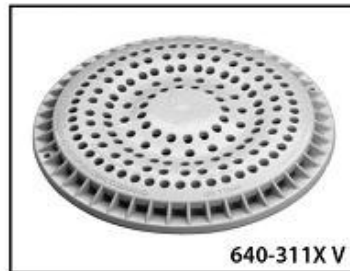
**Description:** This recall involves the pool and spa drain covers models listed below. The covers vary in size and shape, but bear model number and manufacturer name molded on the drain cover:

Model 640-81XX V, 8" Ultra Round

Model 640-311X, 10" Round

Model 640-470X V, 9" x 9" Grate and Frame

Model 640-475X V, 18" x 18" Grate and Frame



**Sold through:** Independent distributors sell the products nationwide directly to professional builders/installers. The products are not sold directly to consumers.

**Manufactured in:** United States

**Remedy:** Consumers who believe they have one of these drain covers in their pool or spa should contact the manufacturer to determine whether a replacement or retrofit is required. Except for kiddie pools, wading pools and in-ground spas, retrofit or replacement of installed covers are not required in pools with multiple drain systems or gravity drainage systems or for covers installed before December 19, 2008.

**Consumer Contact:** For additional information, contact the Waterway Plastics toll-free at (866) 719-6044 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday, or visit the manufacturer's web site at [www.waterwayplastics.com](http://www.waterwayplastics.com)

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The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is still interested in receiving incident or injury reports that

are either directly related to this product recall or involve a different hazard with the same product. Please tell us about your experience with the product on [www.saferproducts.gov](http://www.saferproducts.gov)

CPSC is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death associated with the use of the thousands of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. Deaths, injuries, and property damage from consumer product incidents cost the nation more than \$900 billion annually. CPSC is committed to protecting consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazard. CPSC's work to ensure the safety of consumer products - such as toys, cribs, power tools, cigarette lighters, and household chemicals - contributed to a decline in the rate of deaths and injuries associated with consumer products over the past 30 years.

Under federal law, it is illegal to attempt to sell or resell this or any other recalled product.

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, go online to: [www.saferproducts.gov](http://www.saferproducts.gov), call CPSC's Hotline at (800) 638-2772 or teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270 for the hearing impaired. Consumers can obtain this news release and product safety information at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov). To join a free e-mail subscription list, please go to <https://www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.aspx>.

