To eliminate safety hazards on existing pools and spas, Assembly Bill 2977, effective January 1, 2007, requires the installation of pool anti-entrapment covers whenever a building permit is issued for the remodel or modification of a single family home.

The revision to the Health and Safety Code reads in part:

*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 current standards of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) or the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME).*

Please be advised that in order to comply with this requirement, any permit applied for after January 1, 2007 for a remodel and/or modification to a single family home with an existing swimming pool, will be conditioned to include the required anti-entrapment device prior to permit final.

**EXCEPTIONS:** Electrical, Plumbing and/or Mechanical only permits not associated with a swimming pool, and repairs to the exterior surface of a single family residence.

For additional information please visit [http://www.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/injviosaf/Pages/DrowningPrevention.aspx](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/injviosaf/Pages/DrowningPrevention.aspx)

Examples of anti-entrapment drain cover devices for existing pools:

![Examples of anti-entrapment drain cover devices](image)

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