



**SNHD's
Aquatic Health Program**

**Our Role in Protecting
Public Health**

Agenda

- Introduction
- The purpose of regulations
- Why comply with regulations
- Proactive vs reactive
- Lifeguarding and how it's important
- Drain covers - Federal changes that affect us all
- High Risk Venues

Purpose of Aquatic Health Regulations

Authority granted pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 439 and Chapter 444

- **To protect and promote public health and safety**
- **To assure a clean, healthful, and safe environment for all bathers using these pools**
- **To attain uniform, minimum standards for the operation and maintenance of any public swimming pools, spas, natural bathing places, and other public aquatic venues and facilities in Clark County, Nevada**



*Why comply with
the regulations?*

SNHD's Aquatic Facility Regulations are based on the principle of **reasonable risk reduction**, and are intended to reduce the risks of:

- Outbreaks of waterborne illnesses
 - Drowning
- Injuries from pool chemicals and other causes
- Swimming-related emergency department visits

Just because it hasn't happened yet, doesn't mean it won't

- **Having few outbreaks, drownings, or injuries does not mean prevention of recreational water-associated illness and injury is optimal.**
- **As is the case with many public health prevention efforts, the value is often more easily understood after a tragedy occurs.**

• <https://www.cdc.gov/mahc/faqs.html>



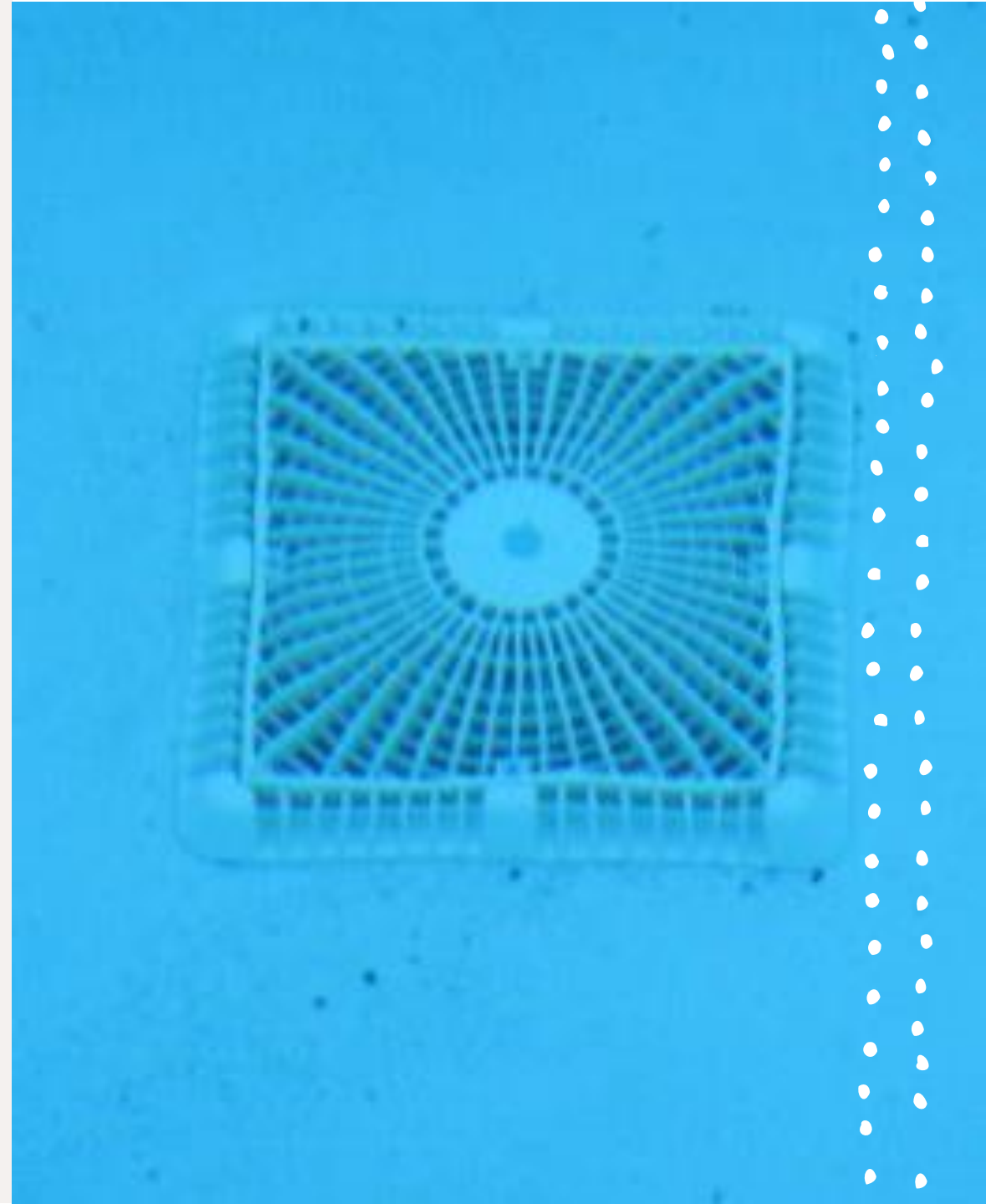
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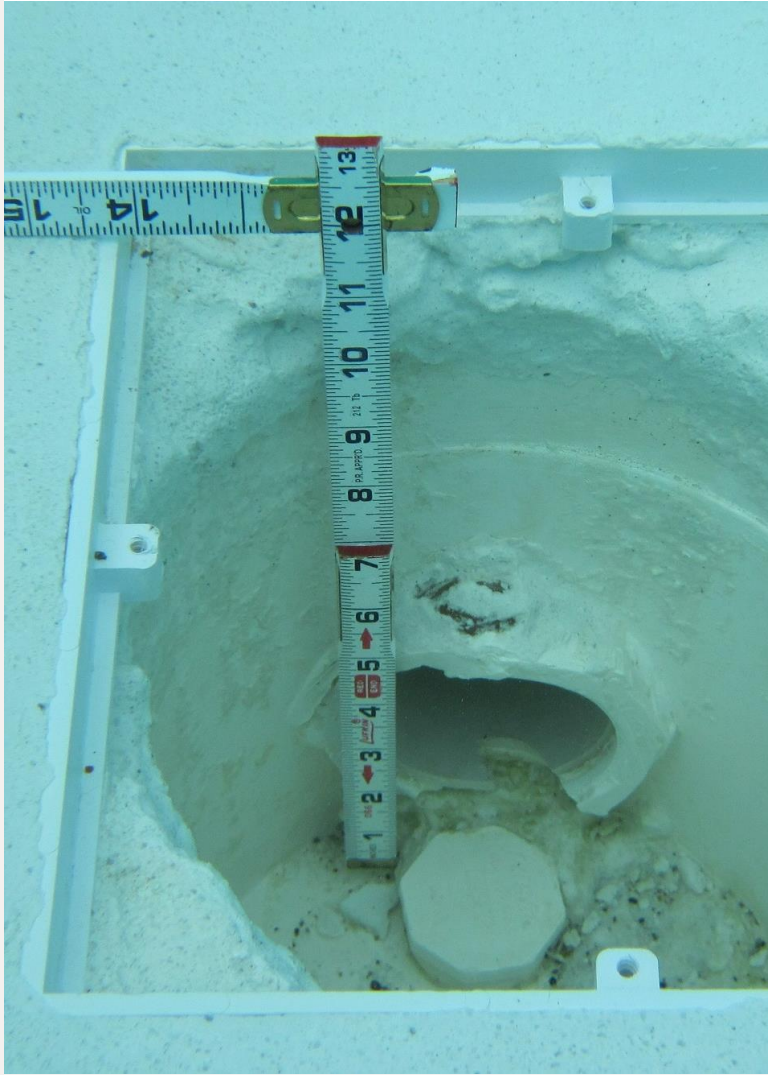


- Trained and certified to recognize and respond
- Ensure a safe environment for swimmers
- Advanced swimmers
- Enforce the pool's rules or general water safety
- Educating others on the importance of staying safe

Drain Covers - Federal Standards 2008

- ❖ Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Safety Act was signed into federal law.
- ❖ All pools/spas had to comply by December 19.
- ❖ Evaluation of acceptability generally looked at the certified flow rate and sump requirements.





Federal Standards 2017

- ❖ New testing methods took effect for units manufactured after May 24, 2021.
 - Use of older models is still allowed.
- ❖ Pipe size is now also a factor which determines the flow rate of the **S**uction **O**utlet **F**itting **A**ssembly (SOFA).
- ❖ Covers with the same model but a different certification year are NOT interchangeable.



Venues that have additional risk factors may have additional surveys

- ❖ Factors could include things like lifeguards, slides, catering to kids

Surveys are intended to

- ❖ Monitor risk factors
- ❖ Provide additional training/information to facilities

The power of communication



Questions?

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