

NATIONAL DROWNING PREVENTION ALLIANCE

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*United, we can prevent the tragedy of drowning.*

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Senator William C. Smith Jr. (Chair) & Senator Jeff Waldstreicher (Vice-Chair)  
2 East  
Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chairman Smith & Vice-Chair Waldstreicher:

The International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC) is a model code that regulates the minimum requirements for the design, construction, alteration, repair and maintenance of new or substantially re-modeled swimming pools, spas, hot tubs and aquatic facilities. This includes public swimming pools, public spas, public exercise spas, aquatic recreation facilities, permanent in-ground residential spas and pools and permanent residential spas and pools among other water venues. The National Drowning Prevention Alliance supports the adoption of the ISPSC in States and local jurisdictions around the country. Many states and local jurisdictions have already done just that. More should follow suit. We strongly encourage you to support adoption in the great state of Maryland to save lives and make water safer for all!

Developed in collaboration with the Pool & Hot Tub Alliance (PHTA; formerly the Association of Pool & Spa Professionals), ISPSC adoption provides many benefits supporting the safety and health of water. If adopted, the code requires pools and other water facilities to: meet the requirements of the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Safety Act; meet the APSP-7 standard for suction entrapment avoidance; require layers of protection around pools and spas that help prevent the unfettered access by children, including fencing, covers and door and window alarms; and ensures that water quality is healthy and safe, among many other safety and health provisions.

Please contact the NDPA should you have any question regarding the ISPSC.

Sincerely,



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