

Millions of swimming pools recalled after the deaths of 9 children



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About five million swimming pools, specifically above-ground pools, have been recalled for a potential drowning risk after nine children died in a 15-year span.

The impacted models include 48-inch and taller above-ground pools sold over the past two decades under the brand names Bestway, Coleman, Intex, and Polygroup, according to a release from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

The CPSC believes between 2007 and 2022, nine children under 3 years old drowned after gaining access to the pools via compression straps that wrap around the outside of the product, according to the release.

"These straps wrap around the pool on the outside of the supporting poles, and may create a foothold, allowing a child to access the pool and drown," the release said.

In a statement to USA TODAY, Bestway, Intex and Polygroup said they "have been actively engaged in continuously reviewing and updating product safety standards for many years."

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"As part of this process, starting in 2023, the three companies began working with the CPSC and other safety advocates to update the safety standard for above-ground pools," the statement said, adding that the updated standard was finalized in May 2025.

The products have been sold at a variety of retailers, including Walmart, Target, Costco and Amazon. Here's what to know.



Which pools have been recalled?

Pools sold since 2002 under the brands Bestway, Coleman, Intex and Polygroup have been recalled. The pool brand names and model numbers can be found on the pool liner on the outside of the pool.

The recalled products range in price from \$400 to over \$1,000. Over 200,000 have also been recalled in Canada, according to CPSC.

The affected products include:

- Bestway and Coleman pools sold 2008-2024
 - Power steel
 - Steel pro
 - Coleman power steel
- Intex pools sold 2002-2012
 - Metal frame pools
 - Ultra frame pools
- Intex pools sold only at intexcorp.com and Walmart 2024-25 (266 pools)
 - Prism frame pool
 - Ultra XTR frame pool
- Polygroup pools sold 2006-2025
 - Summer waves (2015-2025)
 - Summer escapes (2006-2015)
 - Funsicle (2023-2025)
 - Sand n sun (2008-2011)
 - Blue Wave (2014-2025)

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What to do if your pool has been recalled

Customers who have a pool included in the recall should contact Bestway, Intex, and Polygroup to receive a free repair kit. In the meantime, ensure that children cannot access the pool unattended or drain the pool until the repair can be installed.

The repair kit includes a rope to attach to each of the pool's vertical support poles at the ground level. The rope wraps around the pool, functioning as the compression strap did.

After securing the rope, customers should cut and remove the original compression strap from the pool, CPSC said.

Customers can also contact each of the companies via the following:

- Bestway toll free at 844-593-4003 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or online at <https://BWrecallsupport.expertinquiry.com> or email at BWrecallsupport5516@sedgwick.com for more information.
- Intex toll-free at 800-549-8829 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday, or online at www.Intexcorp.com/recall or email recallhelp@intexcorp.com for more information.
- Polygroup toll-free at 888-621-4137 from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. MT Monday through Friday or online at <https://polygroupprecall.com> or email at poolrecall@polygroup.com for more information.

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