

NEW YORK PASSES LEGISLATION AIMED AT REDUCING THE NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL POOL DROWNINGS

NEW YORK (May 7, 2007) – The Center for Disease Control reports that most drownings of children ages one to four occur in residential swimming pools. To build awareness of and reduce the risks associated with backyard pools, the state of New York recently enacted new legislation intended to minimize the number of annual pool drownings.

The new legislation, which went into effect December 14, 2006, mandates ASTM-certified pool alarms be installed on every new or structurally remodeled pool. New York is on the forefront of drowning prevention, representing one of only three states with a pool alarm law.

“This new legislation underscores the importance of safeguarding children around a home swimming pool,” said Robert Jechart, member of the ASTM Pool Safety Committee. “Mandating pool alarms that sound both inside and outside the house should reduce the number of unintentional drownings and give parents greater peace of mind.”

AquaGuard™ Pool Alarm System by RJE Technologies, Inc. is designed to meet the new legislation mandates. AquaGuard detects when a child 18 lbs. or more falls into the pool or spa. The detector’s dual sirens alert residents both inside and outside the home to the emergency to ensure prompt rescue. More information about the reliable and user-friendly ASTM-certified pool alarm, as well as a complete guide to pool safety is available on the Web at

<http://www.aquaguardpoolalarm.com/safety.php>.

About the State of New York Legislation

The complete Swimming Pool Safety Act of New York can be accessed at www.dos.state.ny.us/code/part1221.htm.

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