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**Standard Specification for**  
**Pool Alarms<sup>1</sup>**

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**INTRODUCTION**

According to CPSC data, each year, on average, 350 children under five years of age drown in swimming pools, with most deaths occurring in residential settings. Also, each year, on average, 2600 children under five years of age are treated in hospital emergency rooms for near drowning incidents in swimming pools. About 42 % of the incidents require hospitalization of the child. About 79 % of the near drowning incidents occur in a residential setting. These numbers have remained relatively unchanged for the past several years.

**1. Scope** movement at the perimeter of or above the water surface.

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