

## Pool Owners Check Your Lights And Take Note, Parents Sue Over Son's Electrocution

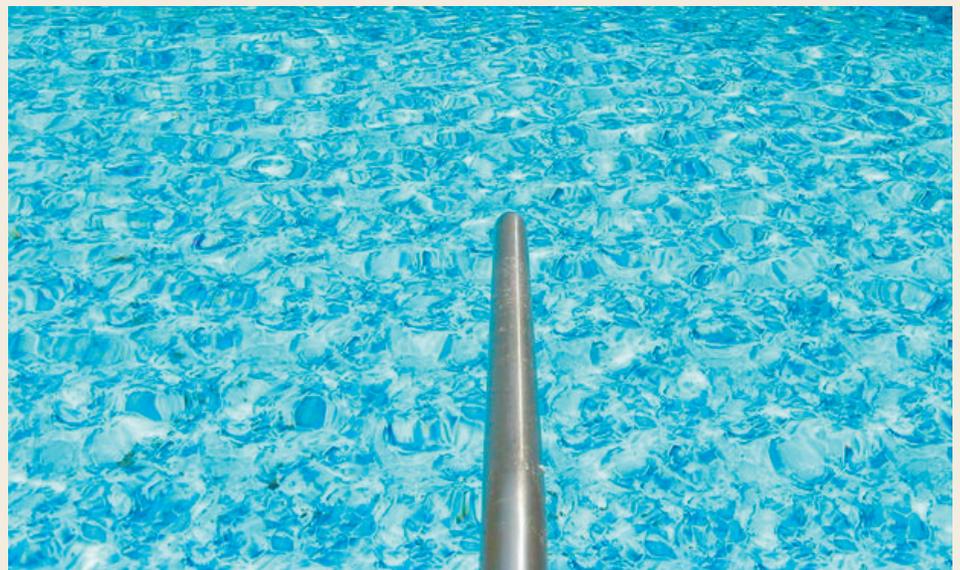
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The parents of a 7-year-old Miami boy electrocuted in his home swimming pool have filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the contractors involved in a pool light installation.

Calder Sloan, son of Chris and Carla Sloan, filed the lawsuit Monday in Miami-Dade Circuit Court against Pentair Water Pool and Spa Inc., All Florida Pool & Spa Center, Gary B Electric and Construction Consultant Inc. and Jorge Perez Enterprises Inc.

Pentair is the Minnesota-based manufacturer of the pool light alleged to have killed the boy April 13. All Florida provided weekly pool maintenance and inspections. Gary B Electric did the electrical work. Jorge Perez inspected the electrical system.

The complaint filed by attorney



Ervin Gonzalez of Colson Hicks Eidson in Coral Gables said the boy was a strong swimmer who was accompanied by his sitter and the sitter's son at the time of the accident.

Calder entered the shallow end and swam to the deep end, where he came up screaming and sputtering water. The sitter's son tried to reach him and felt electrical current as he approached the deep end and

retreated. After several attempts, he pulled the boy out of the water by his hair. By then, he was unconscious and could not be revived.

The parents allege the pool light was not properly grounded. They assert negligence against all the defendants based on theories including reasonable care in the pool light design, adequate warning, installation and inspection.