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Wrongful Death Lawsuit Filed In Calder Sloan's Pool Electrocution

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CORAL GABLES (CBSMiami) – The family of a 7-year-old boy who was electrocuted in a swimming pool has filed a lawsuit against the company who made the pool light and a second company who serviced the family's swimming pool.

Calder Sloan was electrocuted on April 13, 2014, while swimming in his family's pool in North Miami. His father and attorney will hold a news conference Tuesday morning at 11:00 a.m. to discuss the lawsuit further with the media.

The wrongful death complaint claims he was electrocuted due to a faulty pool light and electrical grounding and bonding on the pool's lighting system.

The suit was filed against Pentair Water Pool and Spa, Inc., which manufactured and designed the pool light. All Florida Pool & Spa Center was also named in the lawsuit because it provided periodic cleaning, maintenance and inspections of the pool in which Calder Sloan died.

The complaint alleges Pentair was negligent and failed to use reasonable care when designing, manufacturing, testing, inspecting and marketing the pool light and its parts, including the pool light's thermal protection sensor, to prevent failure, overheating, and ultimately, electrocution.

All Florida Pool & Spa Center is alleged to have failed to use reasonable care in the inspection and maintenance of the pool and its equipment and failed to adequately warn the Sloan family of any known hazards and defects with the pool light and the home's grounding system.

Calder Sloan was described as a kind-hearted, energetic and talented young boy now known to the world as "Mr. Awesome," after a self-portrait went viral and was shared around the world.

After his death, Calder's family vowed to fight to keep other kids safe from potential pool hazards and they started a website to share his legacy, www.calderslegacy.com/poolsafety/.

His story has resulted in thousands of people around America getting their pools inspected and repaired. More than \$100,000 has been donated to Calder's Legacy Charity benefitting his school, Lehrman Community Day School.

"We were told by Calder's teachers that he would change the world one day," said Chris Sloan, Calder's father. "He is saving lives by raising nationwide awareness to the dangers of poor electrical wiring in pools and homes that in our case had fatal and tragic consequences. We hope Calder's story continues to be heard and serves as a deterrent so that this type of preventable accident never happens to anyone else. It is our long-term goal to pursue changes in laws, building codes, and inspections to ensure no other family suffers this unfathomable tragedy."

Unfortunately, Calder's case is not an isolated incident. Two weeks following Calder's death, [three children](#) were shocked while swimming at a Miami condominium complex involving an ungrounded pool pump. Fortunately the three children survived.

For more information on Calder's legacy, visit <http://calderslegacy.com/poolsafety/>. To view Calder's tribute video, visit <http://vimeo.com/92452244>.

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