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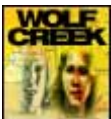
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# Pool cam saves girl's life



Amazing ... camera alerts lifeguard as girl sinks in pool

By GUY PATRICK

A GIRL of ten was saved from drowning after a magic eye system spotted her lying at the bottom of a swimming pool.

The £65,000 equipment — which uses four underwater cameras to monitor the pool — alerted a lifeguard within **THREE** seconds.

The guard jumped into the 12ft-deep water, pulled the unconscious girl to the surface and gave her mouth-to-mouth.

The equipment raised the alarm so quickly that the whole rescue at the pool in Bangor, North Wales, took just 40 seconds and the girl made a full recovery.

If she had been in the water any longer she would have drowned or suffered brain damage.

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The youngster, from Rochdale, Greater Manchester, was on holiday when she jumped into the deep end and somehow fell unconscious.

The computer system — called Poseidon — analysed her posture and lack of movement and could immediately detect she was in trouble. It sent a message via a pager to the lifeguard.

*Four underwater and eight overhead cameras were able to pinpoint the girl's position exactly so the guard could go straight to her.*

Brian Evans, leisure officer at Gwynedd Council, said: "The system spotted her quicker than the human eye.

"It can be difficult to tell someone is in trouble because of the glare on the water and depth of the pool.

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"That is why we installed this system — to save people's lives like this."

Lifeguard Karen Gibson, who rescued the girl, said: "This system is amazing — a fantastic help for us."

Poseidon — developed by French firm Vision IQ — is in eight UK pools. This is believed to be the first time it has saved a life in Britain.

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