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LIFE JACKET LOANER PROGRAM

We invite you to borrow a life jacket and return it so that it's available for someone else to use.

If you have enjoyed the life jacket loaner program and would like to make a donation to help establish new life jacket loaner stations, please visit www.boatingsafety.com/donate



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Life Jacket FAQ

Who should wear a life jacket?

The U.S. Coast Guard requires that a properly-fitted life jacket be readily available for each person on a boat. While everyone should wear one, only children under thirteen must wear a life jacket while underway unless they are below deck or in an enclosed cabin. Laws vary on state waterways, so check with your local boating agency.



Why is wearing a life jacket so important?

The U.S. Coast Guard's Recreational Boating Accident Statistics have consistently shown that 75% of all fatal boating accident victims drowned because they were not wearing a life jacket. Life jackets save lives, but only if they are worn.



How do I know that my life jacket fits correctly?

Check the life jacket label on the inside of the back panel to ensure the jacket is the correct size based on weight and chest size. While trying one on, buckle it and then raise your arms over your head and have someone gently lift the jacket by the top of the arm openings. If it goes above your chin, tighten the straps or try a smaller sized jacket.



Where can I find other life jacket loaner stations?

The Sea Tow Foundation has life jacket loaner stations throughout the United States. To find one near you, visit www.boatingsafety.com/map.



Life Jacket Loaner Stations are provided by donations from boaters like you as well as:

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