





FLOTATION DEVICES

You bring it You wear it



THE FLOTATION DEVICE



Too many people neglect to wear a personal flotation device.

9 drowning victims out of 10 were not wearing a flotation device, or were not correctly wearing it. If they had, most of them would have survived and would still be here to tell their story.

WHAT IS A FLOTATION DEVICE?

It is a buoyant aid that helps a person stay afloat in the water.

There are two types of flotation devices:

- 1. The lifejacket
- 2. The personal flotation device (PFD)

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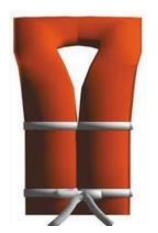


* Personal flotation device (PFD)

* Lifejacket

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- 2. I am more comfortable, since I allow a better mobility.
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I AM A PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE!

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1. As a hat to protect us from the sun?



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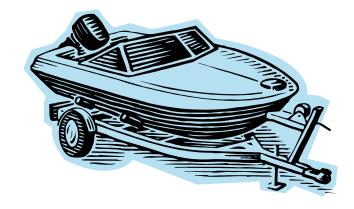
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NO

Is it used...

2. As decoration for the boat?



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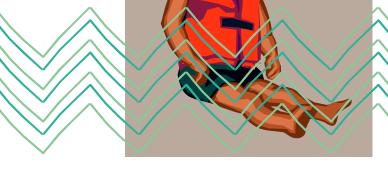
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YES!



Which statement is right?

- A. You must wear your lifejacket or PFD at all times. It is not useful if you do not wear it.
 - B. You only need to wear a lifejacket or PFD when it is raining or when there are waves.

Which statement is right?

A. You must wear your lifejacket or PFD at all times. It is not useful if you do not wear it.

Which statement is right?

- A. Every boat must have at least two available buoyant aids at all times.
 - B. Every boat must have a PFD or lifejacket that fits each person on board.

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Which statement is right?

- A. A lifejacket or PFD must be the right size and properly secured.
 - B. It is not necessary to secure a lifejacket or PFD if it is used on a rowboat for fishing.

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- A. Flotation devices must be certified by Transport Canada, the Canadian Coast Guard or Fisheries and Oceans Canada.
 - B. Flotation devices must be certified by a specialized store.

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Which of the following determines the size of your PFD?

- A. Your height
- B. Your age
- C. Your weight

Which of the following determines the size of your PFD?

C . Your weight

If the PFD moves back up past the ears, it is:

- A. Too big
- B. The right size
- C. Too small

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TRYING ON A FLOTATION DEVICE

In early summer or before an activity, you need to make sure your flotation device is in good condition:

- 1. Put on your PFD or lifejacket and properly secure it.
- 2. Enter water until you are chest deep.
- 3. Bend your knees and let yourself float.

You need to:

- Have your chin out of the water.
- Be able to stay on your back.

THE PROPER WAY TO WEAR A PFD



- Right size
- Zipped
- Straps and buckles fastened

Find out what is wrong in the following pictures.





The PFDs the two girls wear are too big.



The strap between the legs is not fastened.





The strap around the body is not fastened.





The flotation device is not zipped.

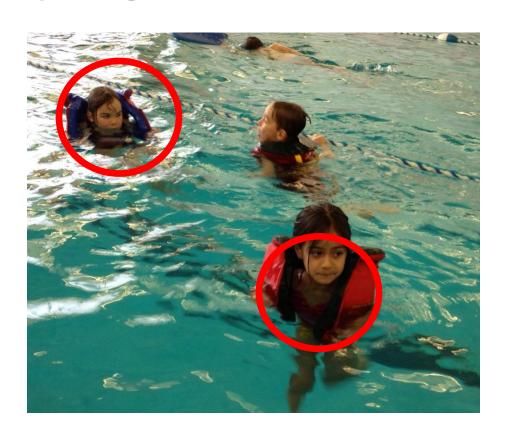






The PFDs the girls wear are too big.





The girls' PFDs are not zipped.





There is nothing wrong in this picture!

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There is only one rule to remember:

I have it I wear it



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