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Wear a life jacket

Wearing a properly fitted life jacket (personal flotation device) could save your life. Most boating fatality victims were not wearing a life jacket. In Massachusetts, life jackets must be worn by:

- Canoeists and kayakers from September 15 – May 15 (including waterfowl hunters)
- Youth under 12 years old
- Personal watercraft users
- Waterskiers

It is recommended that you wear a life jacket every time you are on the water. Accidents on the water often happen too quickly to reach and put on a stowed life jacket.