



Safety Smarts: Life Jackets



Did You Know?

In Rhode Island and Massachusetts, state laws require children under the age of 12 (MA) and 13 (RI) to wear life jackets while on a boat.

A child can drown in less than 2 inches of water! Life jackets can prevent drowning tragedies if worn properly.



There are different types of life jackets for different outings! Make sure your child is wearing the right one.

Life jackets come in different sizes- make sure yours are appropriate for the height and weight of your family.

Water toys like noodles or water wings should never be used in place of a US Coast Guard approved life jacket.

Touchdowns aren't just for football! Have your child make the touchdown sign to ensure a tight fit- if the jacket touches the child's chin or ears it might be too big or need to be tightened.

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