

New Life Jacket Law For Kids 12 and Under



As of July, 1999, children 12 years and younger are required to wear U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets in Washington State:

- on boats shorter than 19 feet,
- whenever the vessel is underway,
- when on an open deck or open cockpit,
- on any waters of the state

Washington state parks recommends that boaters wear life jackets at all times.

Life jackets: They float, you don't.



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