

# Wildlife Summit

## “Boat Safety”

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# Boat Safety



# Boat Preparation

- Leave float plan with family & friends
- Be sure boat is large enough to carry you and your gear
- Load gear low in the boat and distribute weight evenly.
- Have each person on board wear a personal floatation device (life jacket)
- Have a throwable personal flotation device in case someone falls overboard

# Boat Preparation cont'd

- Stow required visual distress signals
- Check an up-to-date weather forecast before heading out.
- Cancel your trip if wind and water conditions aren't safe
- Know boating laws and regulations
- Navajo Nation requires boat permit and fishing license

# Boat Safety



# Personal Flotation Devices (Life Jackets)

- All boats must have at least one wearable Type I, II, III or V personal flotation device (PFD) properly sized for each person on board. Sizing for life jackets (PFDs) is based on body weight & chest size.
- All life jackets (PFDs) must be in good and serviceable condition and must be readily accessible.
- All children under 12 yrs of age & younger ***must wear*** a Type I, II, III or V life jacket on a boat

# Personal Flotation Devices cont'd

- Life jacket (PFD) must be fastened according to the manufacturer's recommended use and must fit child properly.
- Inflatable PFDs must have full cylinder, green status indicators and accessible and intact lanyard or lever. Non-hybrid inflatable PFDS (no foam) are authorized only for persons 16 yrs & older.

# Type of Personal Flotation Device



## TYPE I

Off-shore life jacket—over 20 pounds of buoyancy, designed to turn an unconscious person face-up.



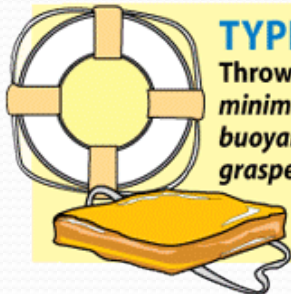
## TYPE II

Near-shore buoyant vest—minimum 15.5 pounds of buoyancy, designed to turn an unconscious person face-up.



## TYPE III

Flotation aid—minimum 15.5 pounds of buoyancy, not designed to turn an unconscious person face-up; more comfortable for water sports.



## TYPE IV

Throwable device—minimum 16.5 pounds of buoyancy, designed to be grasped, not worn.



## TYPE V

Special-use device—must be used in accordance with any requirements on the approval label.

# Vessel Capacity

