

# FEMA Region II: Life Jacket Safety Tips

- A life jacket, or PFD (Personal Flotation Device), must be available for every person on a recreational boat.
- Test your PFD in a non-emergency situation, such as in a pool, to be sure it is the right fit and type for you.
  - ✓ Make sure the jacket is snug across your chest.
  - ✓ If you raise your arms and the jacket hits your chin/ears, the straps are too loose.
- There are five types of PFD, check to make sure you have the right one for your water activities.
- It is recommended that pets also wear fitted life jackets with handles and are brightly colored.

*For more information:*

<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg5214/pfdselection.asp>

