Life jackets save lives

For parents, adults, teens, older adults, caregivers, faith communities, responders, camps

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What this infographic says

Wear one that is Coast Guard approved and fits.

- 87% of people who drowned in 2024 boating incidents were not wearing one, where known.
- Choose by weight and check the label for Coast Guard approval.
- It should be snug and not ride up past the chin or ears.
- Water wings and pool toys are not life jackets.

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