



LIFE JACKETS: WHEN, WHERE, WHY & WHY NOT?

LIFE JACKETS AND PUDDLE JUMPERS ARE **NOT** LEARN TO SWIM TOYS!

WHEN

- During swim time in lakes, rivers or oceans when the conditions are treacherous.
- Whenever it is **NOT** swim time, but a situation where your child would be in danger if they fell or jumped into the pool or open water alone.

WHERE

- On boats
- On piers and docks
- Near open and natural water

WHY

- Life jackets make swimming in treacherous open water much safer.
- Your child's life could be saved by a life jacket if they find themselves unexpectedly in water.
- It is the law for a child to wear a USCG approved life jacket on a moving vessel.
- It is impossible to supervise children constantly and drowning happens in seconds.

WHY NOT

- Life jackets and puddle jumpers are not “learn-to-swim” toys and are **NOT** USCG approved for a swimming pool.
- Using these devices for play time at the pool creates dangerous swim postures and a false sense of security.



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