



Preventing accidental injury.

In Grant County drowning is the 2nd leading cause of injury death for children ages 1-17. Each year in Washington State, drowning accounts for an average of 24 deaths, 26 hospitalizations for near-drowning events, and about 110 visits to the emergency room for Washington state residents ages 0-17.

We believe that prevention is the primary method of addressing traumatic injuries. Increasing life jacket use is the most direct way to meet that goal. Encouraging the voluntary use of life jackets will help educate families about the benefits of being safe while enjoying Grant County's water.

Our program is designed to reach families boating on our water and assure their safety. Life Jacket Loaner Programs are nationwide and provide a simple way for parents to borrow a properly-sized children's life jacket at launch ramps, marinas and waterfront businesses when a child's life jacket is left at home or doesn't fit properly. The Grant County Sheriff's Office will routinely check the boards for damaged or misplaced life jackets. To avoid the temptation to not return the life jackets each one will be stamped with "Property of Safe Kids Grant County".

Boating accident statistics compiled by the U.S. Coast Guard indicate that 90 percent of the people who drown in a boating or water accident would be alive today if they had been wearing a personal flotation device, or a life jacket, at the time of the accident.

Locations and Site Owners

**Billy Clapp – Bureau of Reclamation
Blue Heron Park – City of Moses Lake
Blue Lake – Washington State Fish and Wildlife
Cascade Park - City of Moses Lake
Connelly Park – Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District
Coulee City Park – City of Coulee City
Sun Lands Estate – Washington State Fish and Wildlife
Steamboat Rock – Washington State Parks (2 stations)
Lower Peninsula Park – City of Moses Lake
Montlake Park – City of Moses Lake
Potholes – Washington State Parks**

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The Grant County Life Jacket Loaner Board



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To all of you, **THANK YOU** for making these boards a reality in Grant County.

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