



Preventing accidental injury.

Drowning is the 2nd leading cause of injury deaths for Grant county 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.

Our goal for 2007-2008 is to provide life jacket loaner boards at eight public boating areas in Grant County.

2007 proposed boat launch sites:

Billy Clapp Boat - Bureau of Reclamation - 1 board
Blue Lake – Washington State Fish and Wildlife - 1 board
Connelly Park boat - Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District - 1 board
Sun Lands Estate – Washington State Fish and Wildlife – 1 board

2008 proposed boat launch sites:

Sun Lakes State Park - 1 board
Steamboat Rock State Park - 2 boards
Potholes State Park boat - 1 board

Boards from Other Communities



Draft of the Grant County Boards

Borrow a life jacket. It could save a life!
Apropiarse una chaleco salvavidas



1. Pick out a life jacket.
2. Try it on.
3. Make sure it fits! It should be snug but not tight.
4. Return the jacket before you leave.



Spanish instructions will be here.

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Safe Kids Grant County is proudly led by the Grant County Health District.

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