



Life Jacket Integrity Checklist

SAFE KIDS Lower Columbia and its partners strive to keep the families of Cowlitz County safe while out on the water. Our main goal is to make sure that any child playing on, in or around water is outfitted with a properly-fitting life jacket in order to prevent accidental drowning.

Please use this as a guide when checking for the integrity of a life jacket. This list is not all-inclusive, but if the jacket does not function properly or is worn beyond use, do not allow the jacket to continue being used.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> US Coast Guard approved
...or... | (Life jackets MUST show that they are either Coast Guard approved or UL listed. <i>Do not use</i> if you do not see one of these symbols!) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> UL Listed | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All buckles work properly (clip securely, not loose, do not slip out) | <input type="checkbox"/> Jacket is the right size for the child wearing it (look at age/weight limits) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No tears in jacket body material | <input type="checkbox"/> Straps are not frayed, torn, or otherwise weakened |

Additional

Comments: _____

If, upon inspection, the life jacket has any rips or tears in the material, the buckles do not function properly, or the straps are damaged in some way, **RETIRE** the life jacket. Any of those could mean serious injury or even drowning for the child wearing it.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office Boat Patrol at (360) 577-3092.

Checked By: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Owner/Parent: _____