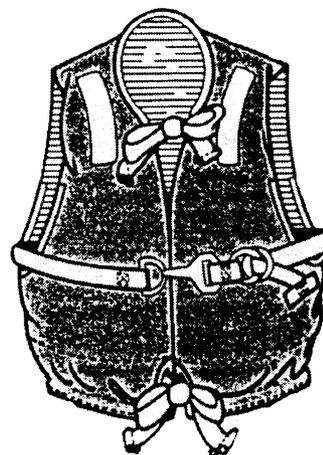


WATER SAFETY

Pre-Visit Activity

Activity	Life Jackets Save Lives
Setting	Classroom
Duration	20 minutes
Subject Areas	Health
Skills	Safety, Use of equipment
Grade Level	2-3



Objectives:

Students will be able to:

1. identify the proper way to wear a PFD
2. try on a PFD

WV-IGOs:

Health - 2.6, 3.6

BACKGROUND

A PFD or personal flotation device is a device that was invented to provide some measure of safety to people working and playing on and around water. Knowing how to properly wear a PFD is essential to its functioning properly. Putting on a PFD helps one to become familiar with the equipment and how it functions. Knowing about and trying on a PFD will help to educate an individual about the need for wearing one and may increase the likelihood that the individual will wear a PFD when he or she is on or around water.

VOCABULARY

PFD (personal flotation device)

MATERIALS

1. child-size life jackets (ask around and borrow from fellow teachers or have a couple of students bring one to class)

PROCEDURES

1. Discuss the importance of wearing a Coast Guard-approved PFD.
2. Demonstrate (using a student) how to put on and properly wear a PFD. It should fit snugly against the body, have all hooks fastened, and should not slip up over the head when pulled upward by the shoulder straps.
3. Have each student in the class put on and properly secure a PFD.

EVALUATION

All students get to try on and demonstrate the proper way to wear a PFD.



TEACHER NOTES

