








Water and Boating Safety

SAFETY on and around water is the #1 **PRIORITY** while fishing in B.C. Take the time to discuss safe practices and to prepare your trip well before you head out and **GofishBC!**

- 1) **ALWAYS** go with an adult, and **BE SURE** to let others know where you are going and when you expect to return.
- 2) **LEARN** to swim! A must, especially if you are going to be spending time on or around water. 
- 3) **WEAR** your lifejacket! 
On shore, on docks and in boats. **ATTACH** a whistle to your PFD.z
- 4) **CHECK** the weather forecast **BEFORE** you head out to ensure you pack the proper belongings for your trip such as sunscreen, sunglasses, water, extra layers of clothing or raingear. Especially important if you are going to be fishing from a boat. If a storm is brewing, **RETURN** to shore immediately. 

- 5) **BE AWARE** of potential water hazards. Water often looks harmless, but dangers such as cold temperatures, swift water and the inability to gauge water depth can be fatal.
- 6) When wading in streams and rivers, **WATCH YOUR STEP**. One slip can lead to injuries and submergence into the water. **NEVER** wade alone, and use a walking stick for stabilization.
- 7) **DO NOT** horse around near the water's edge, especially while on docks and piers.
- 8) **MAINTAIN** your boat in good working order to maximize safety.
- 9) **ENROLL** the entire family in a **SAFE BOATING COURSE**. 
- 10) Have a pre-determined **SAFETY PLAN!** **KNOW** what to do in an emergency.

HAVE FUN and BE SAFE!

