

# Lifejacket rules

**Lifejacket rules are in place to protect you and your loved ones.**

Updated lifejacket rules are now in place, so you must be wearing a lifejacket if:

- Boating alone (or with only children who are 1 year or more but less than 12 years) on an open boat less than 4.8m in length whilst underway;
- You are boating between sunset and sunrise on an open boat less than 4.8m in length whilst underway.

Also, children who are 1 year or more but less than 12 years must wear a lifejacket on an open boat or an open area of a boat whilst underway.

You must wear a lifejacket when crossing a coastal bar if:

- You are on an open boat or open area of a boat;
- You are using certain craft (small sailing boats, pedal boats, rafts, rowboats (except Surf Life Saving Australia surfboats), sea and surf kayaks).

No changes have been made to the rules for wearing a lifejacket on a personal watercraft, commonly known as a 'jet ski.'



For more information, visit  
[msq.qld.gov.au/safety/life-jackets](https://msq.qld.gov.au/safety/life-jackets)  
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