

One key safety feature for Lifejackets is that they will turn you onto your back to keep your face out of the water, even if you are unconscious

Three Canadian-approved types:



1. Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS)

Meet very high standards, approved for all vessels

- A **SOLAS vessel** is any passenger **ship** engaged on an international voyage, or a non-passenger **ship** of 500 tons gross tonnage or more engaged on an international voyage.
- Will turn you onto your back
- Available in two sizes: less than 32 kg (70 lbs) or over 32 kg
- Keyhole design
- Available in inflatable styles



2. Standard Type lifejacket

Approved for all vessels, except SOLAS vessels

- Will turn you onto your back
- Available in two sizes: less than 40 kg (88 lbs) or over 40 kg
- Keyhole design



3. Small Vessel lifejacket

Approved for small vessels

- Less flotation
- Will turn you on to your back, but may do so more slowly
- Two models: keyhole or vest
- Available in three sizes



1. Children's PFD

- Sizing based on weight – 4 sizes available: less than 30 lbs, 30-50 lbs Toddler/Small, 30-50 lbs Medium/Child, 50-90 lbs
- Variety of colours
- Adjustable Chest Straps
- Adjustable crotch strap
- Collar with grab handle



2. Standard PFD

- Variety of colours
- Sizing based on chest size
- Chest straps and / or zippers



3. Paddling PFD

- Larger arm openings
- Simple shoulder straps
- Adjustable side straps
- Shorter height
- Low profile padding with flotation in front and back



4. High Impact PFD

- 3 or 4 adjustable chest straps
- Zipper with reinforced seams / high padded collar



5. Fishing PFD

- Larger arm openings
- Pockets and clips



6. Inflatable PFD

- Keyhole design
- Must be over 16 years old to wear – one size fits most
- CO2 cartridge: Automatic or manual inflate systems
- Adjustable side straps
- Waist strap with buckle

Lifejacket/PFD Inspection Checklist

Are there tears in the seams?

yes

no

Are there tears in the fabric?

yes

no

Does the zipper not work?

yes

no

Are any of the buckles broken?

yes

no

Is the fabric wrinkled?

yes

no

Is the fabric faded/discoloured?

yes

no

Is the fit?

too big

too small

just right

If you said **YES** to any of the first 5 questions, then it is time to get a new PFD

If the PFD is **TOO SMALL/TIGHT** on you, it is time for a new PFD

If the PFD is **TOO BIG**, keep trying on PFD's until you find the right fit

