



Maryland RISK WATCH® CMT Update - June 2006



TO: Maryland RISK WATCH® Champions

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Month/ Dates	Activity/ Theme/ Module	Comments & Resources
June	Water Safety	National Boating Safety Week: May 20-26, 2006 Water Safety topics for open water and pools fit into spring & summer timeframes. (<i>Check out the EMSC Prevention website for more links on water safety.</i>)
June	Summer Safety	Traveling safely Swimming safety Fireworks safety

The JUNE Water Safety Update:

On **April 1, 2006** a new Maryland law governing personal flotation devices (PFDs) for children went into effect. Under the new law, if a child is less than 4 years of age or weighs under 50 pounds, the child must wear a PFD with specific additional safety features including: a strap that is secured between the child's legs to fasten together the front and back of the PFD; an inflatable headrest or high collar to keep the child's head above water; and a web handle to ensure the ready accessibility of the child from the vessel. All children under the age of 7 must WEAR a United States Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Device (Life Jacket - Type I, II, III or V) while underway on a recreational vessel under 21 feet in length on Maryland waters. (motorboats, sailboats, canoes, kayaks, rowboats)

Websites with information on Water Safety include:

www.dnr.state.md.us/boating/safety - Maryland DNR Home page

Check out the "My DNR" Content for Kids for great activities

And the Life Jackets for Kids page

www.uscgboating.org – United States Coast Guard Safety Website

www.nfpa.org/riskwatch/parent_water.htm - NFPA

www.redcross.org/services/hss/tips/healthtips/safetywater.html -Red Cross

www.safeboatingcouncil.org/ - Safe Boating Campaign

Check out the information pages for adults and the activities for children & preteens

As you find more information on **Water Prevention** – please forward to the EMSC Program office and we will post on the Prevention and Risk Watch web pages.

<http://www.miemss.org/EMSCwww/PPPed.html>

<http://www.miemss.org/EMSCwww/RISKWATCH2.htm>