

When you're ready to swim,  
remember to  
**F.L.O.A.T.**



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**FIND A BUDDY**

Don't swim alone; stay together!



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**LIFE JACKETS**

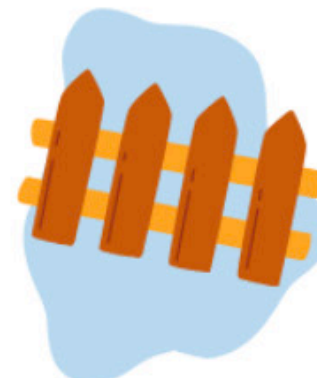
Inexperienced swimmers should wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket that's properly fitted.



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**OBEY BARRIER RULES**

Follow guidelines about unauthorized barrier use.



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**ADULT IS WATCHING**

Children should swim under adult supervision and never be left unattended near water.



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**TAKE SWIM LESSONS**

Learning to swim is a life saving skill.



**Be water safe this summer!**



# Wear U.S. Coast Guard-Approved Life Jackets



## Life Jacket Categories:

### INFANT

users with a weight less than or equal to 33 lbs

### CHILD

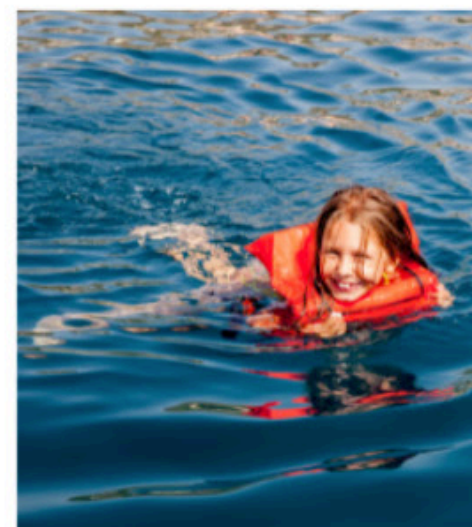
users with a weight over 33 lbs and less than or equal to 55 lbs

### YOUTH

users with a weight over 55 lbs and less than or equal to 88 lbs

### ADULT

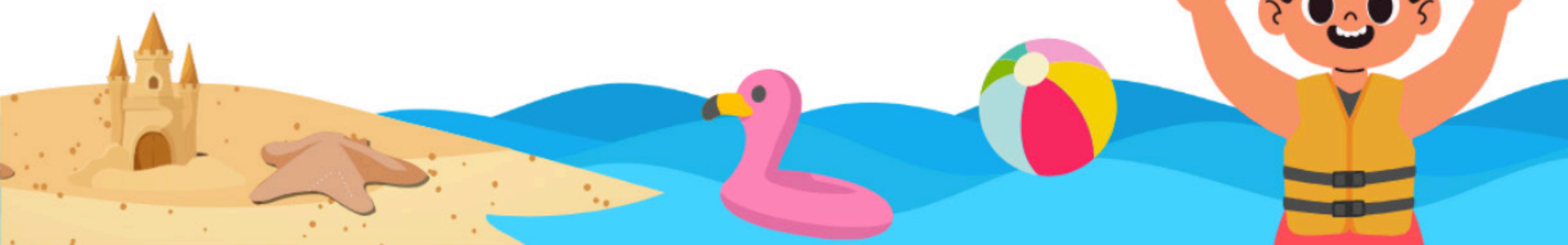
users with a weight over than 88 lbs



## Things to Know:

- The **best** life jacket is the one you will **wear**.
- Some styles of life jackets are **not** intended for **weak** or **non-swimmers** (**read the label** and **be honest**).
- When **worn correctly**, a foam-filled life jacket will **fit snugly**, and will **not** allow the life jacket to rise above the wearer's **chin** or **ears**.

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# TIPS TO PREVENT **DROWNING**

Learn basic swimming and water safety skills

Build fences that fully enclose pools

Supervise children closely

Wear a life jacket

Learn CPR

Avoid alcohol near water

Use the buddy system

Consider effects of medications