

WATER SAFE WASHINGTON

K-5 Educational Kit Created by the Washington Recreational Boating Safety Program

Dear Educators,

Drowning is the second leading cause of injury-related death for children ages 5-14, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). By participating in a Water Safety Day event on May 15th, you will empower your students to make safe decisions in and around water, helping to decrease the risks of drowning and other water-related injuries.

The Washington Recreational Boating Safety Program is offering a no-cost 30-minute standards based scripted K-5 introductory lesson plan with student engagement activity options.

Content Overview

The Water Safe Washington 2025 education kit will build water safety knowledge and skills utilizing three key messages:

1. Wear your life jacket.
2. Be cautious of hazards, particularly cold and moving water.
3. Reach or throw, but don't go into the water to help a struggling swimmer.

Supporting Materials

The first 20,000 students will also receive supporting materials: printed certificates, stickers, and a Lewis the Frog backpack charm. Materials are labeled for easy distribution to each participating classroom.

How to Sign Up:

To get individual classes signed up, follow these two steps:

Step 1. A designated administrator must sign up each elementary school.

Step 2. Once the school's registration is confirmed, a response email will be sent. Forward this email to all the teachers in the school so they can sign up to participate.

Register your school!

Please reach out to Theresa Wood Boating Safety Program Coordinator: Theresa.Wood@parks.wa.gov with any questions.



Lewis The Frog

Water Safe Washington Mascot

Key Dates

- 3/3** School registration and teacher sign-ups open.
- 3/31** Give Away! Life jacket fittings for two entire schools will be announced.
- 4/15** Last chance to register.
- 4/17** Digital educational kit delivered by email.
- 5/1** Supporting materials are delivered to enrolled schools
- 5/15** Water Safety Day

The 2025 kit aligns with Washington State Health and Social Emotional Learning Education Standards:

- **Health:** Wellness, Safety, Social Emotional Health, Injury Prevention
- **Social Emotional Learning:** Self-management, Self-efficacy, and social engagement

Complete list of standards included in kit.



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