

# Have your say: Wearing lifejackets and kill switch safety lanyards survey

Maritime Safety Queensland (MSQ) is requesting your feedback by answering questions through this survey. The survey will take 5 to 10 minutes, depending on how much feedback you wish to provide, and is open until **23 December 2022**. Your responses will be confidential.

Before responding to the survey, please read the package of consultation materials (<https://www.msq.qld.gov.au/Safety/lifejackets-kill-switch-safety-lanyards>). You may also find our information about the current rules in Queensland useful:

- rules for lifejackets (<https://www.msq.qld.gov.au/Safety/Life-jackets>)
- designated coastal bars (<https://www.msq.qld.gov.au/Safety/Crossing-a-bar>)
- safety equipment (<https://www.msq.qld.gov.au/Safety/Safety-equipment-recreational-ships.aspx>)
- personal watercraft (also known as jet skis) (<https://www.msq.qld.gov.au/Safety/Personal-watercraft>)

## Survey

### Wearing lifejackets - solo operators

*We would like your feedback about changes to make it compulsory for people boating alone to wear lifejacket on open boats or on deck on cabin boats up to 4.8 metres in length.*

1. Do you think people boating alone should wear a lifejacket on open boats or on deck on cabin boats up to 4.8 metres in length?

- Very supportive  
 Somewhat supportive  
 Neutral  
 Somewhat unsupportive  
 Very unsupportive

2. If it was compulsory for people boating alone to wear a lifejacket on open boats or on deck on cabin boats up to 4.8 metres in length, should it only apply while underway? (underway is when the boat is not at anchor, moored, made fast to shore or aground)

- Yes  
 No

3. How often do you currently wear a lifejacket when you are boating alone on open boats or on deck on cabin boats up to 4.8 metres in length?

- Always  
 Mostly/often  
 Occasionally  
 Never  
 Not applicable (circumstances do not apply to you)

## Wearing lifejackets - children

**We would like your feedback about changes to make it compulsory for children (1 or more but less than 12 years) to wear lifejackets on:**

- *all open boats or on deck on cabin boats*
- *all open boats or on deck on cabin boats - while underway*
- *all open craft – including personal watercraft (commonly called a jet ski), kayaks, surf skis and other watercraft.*

**4. Do you think children should wear a lifejacket on open boats or on deck on cabin boats? (children are 1 or more but less than 12 years)**

- Very supportive  
 Somewhat supportive  
 Neutral  
 Somewhat unsupportive  
 Very unsupportive

**5. If it was compulsory for children to wear a lifejacket on open boats or on deck on cabin boats, should it only apply while underway? (underway is when the boat is not at anchor, moored, made fast to shore or aground) (children are 1 or more but less than 12 years)**

- Yes  
 No

**6. How often do you currently make sure children in your care wear a lifejacket on open boats or on deck on cabin boats up to 4.8 metres in length? (children are 1 or more but less than 12 years)**

- Always  
 Mostly/often  
 Occasionally  
 Never  
 Not applicable (circumstances do not apply to you)

**7. Do you think children should wear a lifejacket on other open craft, such as personal watercraft, kayaks, surf skis and other watercraft? (children are 1 or more but less than 12 years)**

- Very supportive  
 Somewhat supportive  
 Neutral  
 Somewhat unsupportive  
 Very unsupportive

**8. How often do you currently make sure children in your care wear a lifejacket on other open craft, such as personal watercraft, kayaks, surf skis and other watercraft? (children are 1 or more but less than 12 years)**

- Always  
 Mostly/often  
 Occasionally  
 Never  
 Not applicable (circumstances do not apply to you)

## **Wearing lifejackets - crossing a coastal bar**

***We would like your feedback about changes to make it compulsory for everyone (1 year or more) to wear a lifejacket when crossing a designated coastal bar on:***

- ***all open boats; or***
- ***all open boats and craft (including personal watercraft, kayaks, surf skis and other watercraft).***

**9. Do you think everyone (1 year or more) should wear a lifejacket when crossing a coastal bar on open boats?**

- Very supportive  
 Somewhat supportive  
 Neutral  
 Somewhat unsupportive  
 Very unsupportive

**10. How often do you currently wear a lifejacket when crossing a coastal bar on open boats?**

- Always  
 Mostly/often  
 Occasionally  
 Never  
 Not applicable (circumstances do not apply to you)

**11. How often do you require everyone on board (1 year or more) wear a lifejacket when you are skippering an open boat and crossing a coastal bar?**

- Always  
 Mostly/often  
 Occasionally  
 Never  
 Not applicable (circumstances do not apply to you)

**12. Do you think everyone (1 year or more) should wear a lifejacket when crossing a coastal bar on other open craft (including for example, kayaks, surf skis and other watercraft)?**

- Very supportive  
 Somewhat supportive  
 Neutral  
 Somewhat unsupportive  
 Very unsupportive

**13. How often do you currently wear a lifejacket when crossing a coastal bar on other open craft (including for example, kayaks, surf skis and other watercraft)?**

- Always  
 Mostly/often  
 Occasionally  
 Never  
 Not applicable (circumstances do not apply to you)

## **Wearing lifejackets - at night**

*We would like your feedback about changes to make it compulsory for everyone (1 year or more) to wear a lifejacket when boating at night (between sunset and sunrise) on open boats up to 4.8 metres in length.*

**14. Do you think everyone (1 year or more) should wear a lifejacket when boating at night on open boats up to 4.8 metres in length?**

- Very supportive
- Somewhat supportive
- Neutral
- Somewhat unsupportive
- Very unsupportive

**15. If it was compulsory for everyone (1 year or more) to wear a lifejacket when boating at night on open boats up to 4.8 metres in length, should it only apply while underway? (underway is when the boat is not at anchor, moored, made fast to shore or aground)**

- Yes
- No

**16. How often do you currently wear a lifejacket when boating at night on an open craft up to 4.8 metres in length?**

- Always
- Mostly/often
- Occasionally
- Never
- Not applicable (circumstances do not apply to you)

## **Wearing of kill switch safety lanyard - solo operators**

*We would like your feedback about changes to make it compulsory for people who are boating alone to wear a kill switch safety lanyard on open boats up to 4.8 metres in length.*

**17. Do you think people boating alone should wear a kill switch safety lanyard on open boats up to 4.8 metres in length?**

- Very supportive
- Somewhat supportive
- Neutral
- Somewhat unsupportive
- Very unsupportive

**18. If it was compulsory for people boating alone to wear a kill switch safety lanyard on open boats up to 4.8 metres in length, should it only apply while underway? (underway is when the boat is not at anchor, moored, made fast to shore or aground)**

- Yes
- No

**19. How often do you currently wear a kill switch safety lanyard when boating alone on an open boat up to 4.8 metres in length?**

- Always
- Mostly/often
- Occasionally
- Never
- Not applicable (circumstances do not apply to you)

## **Wearing of kill switch safety lanyard - personal watercraft**

***We would like your feedback about changes to make it compulsory for people who are operating at personal watercraft (commonly called a jet ski) to wear a kill switch safety lanyard.***

***We would also like your feedback about introducing an offence when:***

- an engine is tampered with, so a kill switch safety lanyard is not needed***
- the master of the personal watercraft is not wearing a kill switch safety lanyard.***

**20. Do you think people should wear a kill switch safety lanyard when operating a personal watercraft?**

- Very supportive
- Somewhat supportive
- Neutral
- Somewhat unsupportive
- Very unsupportive

**21. Do you currently wear a kill switch safety lanyard when operating a personal watercraft?**

- Always
- Mostly/often
- Occasionally
- Never
- Not applicable (circumstances do not apply to you)

**22. Do you think there should be an offence for tampering with an engine so that a kill switch safety lanyard does not need to be used?**

- Very supportive
- Somewhat supportive
- Neutral
- Somewhat unsupportive
- Very unsupportive

**23. Do you think there should be an offence for when a kill switch safety lanyard is not attached to the master of a personal watercraft?**

- Very supportive
- Somewhat supportive
- Neutral
- Somewhat unsupportive
- Very unsupportive

## **General**

**24. Which statement best summarises the likelihood that you will adopt safer practices after reading the supporting information with the survey?**

- Strongly motivated to adopt them
- Somewhat motivated to adopt them
- I already adopt these practices
- Not motivated to adopt them
- I did not read the information
- Not applicable (circumstances do not apply to me)

**25. Do you own or operate a boat or other craft (including personal watercraft, kayak, surf skis) in Queensland?**

- Yes
- No

**26. How long have you owned or operated a boat or other craft?**

- less than 1 year
- 1 – 5 years
- 6 – 9 years
- 10 – 19 years
- 20 years or over

**27. What type of vessel/s do you own or operate in Queensland? (Please select all that apply)**

- Small boats (less than 4.8 metres in length)
- Larger boats (4.8 metres or more in length)
- Personal watercraft (commonly called a jet ski)
- Other watercraft (including kayaks, surf skis and other craft)
- Commercial boats

**28. How often do you operate your vessel?**

- Daily
- Weekly
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Never

**29. In which region of Queensland do you most use your boat or other watercraft?**

- Brisbane region (includes Sunshine Coast, Moreton Bay and Gold Coast)
- Gladstone region (includes Urangan, Bundaberg, Rockhampton)
- Mackay region (includes Airlie Beach)
- Townsville Region
- Cairns Region (includes Karumba, Thursday Island)

### **Further Comments**

**30. Do you have any general comments about the proposed changes to rules for wearing lifejackets and kill switch safety lanyards?**

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