

# Safety Guidelines

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EVENT PLANNING SERIES

Promote safety by ensuring that responsible boating and fishing are the norm at your event. No one wants an accident to happen, but be prepared if one does. Establish a safety plan and know what to do in case of an emergency. Be sure to consider the following in your event safety plan:

- Directions to your event site (especially if you don't have an ambulance on-site).
- Identify the nearest phones (both pay and private).
- Identify staff and volunteers who have cell phones – make sure all staff and volunteers have a phone list.
- Volunteers should be clear about their roles in an emergency situation. For example, in case of injury, one volunteer should stay with the individual and one should call for help.
- Identify the nearest hospital.
- Have a well-stocked First Aid kit that includes needle-nose pliers, sunscreen, bug repellent, bandages, instant ice packs and ammonia (for stings).
- Personal Flotation Device with rope.
- Ask a registered nurse or an emergency medical technician to volunteer his/her services.
- Fire extinguisher.

## For larger events:

- Walkie-talkies or cell phones are a good way to maintain communications between you and your volunteers.
- Plan to have an ambulance available in case of serious injuries.



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## READ BEFORE THE EVENT

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## Boating Safety Guidelines

1. Competitors are expected to follow a high standard of sportsmanship, safety, courtesy, and conservation. Maximum courtesy is expected while boating and angling in the vicinity of residents and their property (docks, boat houses, moored boats, etc.). Violations of this code of conduct should be just cause for disqualification.
2. All participants must wear completely fastened, approved life jackets or approved personal flotation devices at all times while traveling at other than trolling or drifting speeds.
3. All boats should have kill switches and must have the tether cords attached to the life jacket of the boat operator.
4. No alcoholic beverages, intoxicating or illegal substances, may be on any competitor's boat or consumed by any participant during fishing hours of the event. Participants believed to be under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicating substances by the event officials should be disqualified.
5. Boats with motors exceeding the manufacturers' hull rating, or motors with modifications that exceed the manufacturers' hull ratings, should not be permitted to compete. Event organizers may wish to restrict the maximum horsepower of outboard motors used in the event.
6. All federal and provincial or territorial fisheries and boating regulations should be observed at all times. Failure to do so should result in disqualification. All motorboat operators should show "proof of competency" where and when required by law.
7. In signing the entry form for the competitive fishing event, contestants agree to abide by the rules of the competitive fishing event.