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## U.S. Coast Guard Approved?

## How can I tell?

It is important to be able to identify which floatation devices are USCG approved. A USCG flotation device will come with a tag displaying the device type, size, serial number, and a stamp of approval. It is important that the vest is in serviceable condition and the appropriate size for the intended user.

## What if I don't have a USCG Vest?

Don't have a vest? The Prescott YMCA will have USCG vests available (to borrow) while you swim!



## Why does it matter?

Skydivers wear their parachute, football players wear their helmets, drivers wear their seatbelts, responsible swimmers wear their life vest! The YMCA has been America's swim teacher for over a century and it is our mission to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for the community and youth. The Y believes in following practices and procedures upheld by the most reputable organizations, such as the U.S. Coast Guard, when it comes to water safety. While many store brand floaties and toys are popular, they are not designed to keep you safe while swimming. A USCG approved vest will help keep you afloat and reduce the risk of injury. The Prescott YMCA does not allow Non-USCG flotation devices while swimming in our facility.

> FLOTATION AID - TYPE III PFD INTENDED USE: PADDLING VEST & SAILING VEST **ADULT X-SMALL TO MEDIUM** USER WEIGHT: MORE THAN 90 LBS (41 KG) CHEST SIZE: 30 TO 421 NI (76 TO 107 CM) MODEL: CVEST II U.S. COAST GUARD APPROVAL NUMBER 160.064/4869/0 USCG APPROVED WEARABLE DEVICE FOR UNINSPECTED COMMERK VESSELS LESS THAN 40 FEET (12m) IN LENGTH NOT CARRYING PASSENGERSF SOR HIRE, AND FOR RECREATIONAL BOATS. NOT APPROVED FOR USES

- WARNING TO REDUCE THE RISK OF DEATH BY DROWNING: • READ MANUFACTURER'S "THINK SAFE PAMPHLET " BEFORE USING THIS DEVICE AND PERFORM "THINK SAFE" CHECKS EACH SEASON • CHOOSE THE RIGHT TYPE AND SIZE PFD AND WEAR IT - FASTEN ALL • CHOOSE THE RIGHT TYPE AND SIZE PFD AND WEAR IT - FASTEN ALL
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While popular at many aquatic attractions, these are just a few common examples of **NON-USCG** flotation devices on the market. Many of these come with a caution label stating **"WARNING-This is not a lifesaving device"**. The Prescott YMCA requires non swimmers to wear USCG approved life vest while swimming in our facility with adult supervision.