

# MANITOBA COALITION *for Safer Waters*



## **Personal Floatation Device (PFD) Loaner Program**

As part of its mission to reduce the number of drownings in our province, the Manitoba Coalition for Safer Waters is happy to assist communities and organizations in setting up local PFD Loaner Programs and Stations. The Coalition provides communities or organizations with lifejackets and PFDs at *no cost*. The community or organization then sets up a system in which the PFDs are loaned to individuals, families, or groups.

A PFD Loaner Program helps prevent drownings by:

- Making lifejackets and PFDs available at no cost;
- Making appropriately-sized lifejackets and PFDs available;
- Providing individuals with education about water safety and how/when to wear PFDs.

### **How to Become a PFD Loaner Program Community**

1. Your community or organization must be located near water;
2. You must establish a “loaning system” that includes ongoing monitoring;
3. You must identify a contact person who will be responsible for the PFD Loaner Program;
4. You must submit an annual report to the Coalition for Safer Waters by October 1<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year (using forms that we will provide to you).
5. Submit your completed application by e-mail, fax, or mail to the Manitoba Coalition for Safer Waters. All applicants will be contacted regarding community selection. The deadline for applications is **June 19th**.

### **The Components of a PFD Loaner Program**

1. A centralized location for loaning out and storing of PFDs
2. Information is made available to the public about water safety and the proper wearing and use of PFDs
3. A monitoring system that includes:
  - Tracking of when PFDs are borrowed, and when they will be returned.
  - Ongoing checks to make sure that the PFDs are in good, usable condition (no tears, broken zippers, missing straps, etc.).
4. An annual review to determine the status of your Loaner Program, and if any PFDs need to be replaced.

## PFD LOANER PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

Please send completed applications by e-mail, fax, or mail to:

Manitoba Coalition for Safer Waters  
PFD Loaner Program  
Attn: Lorne Edwards  
c/o Lifesaving Society Manitoba  
100 – 383 Provencher Blvd  
Winnipeg, MB R2H 0G9

Phone: (204) 956-2124 ext. 5  
Fax: (204) 944-8546  
Email: [lorne.edwards@lifesaving.mb.ca](mailto:lorne.edwards@lifesaving.mb.ca)



Name of Community/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

### Community/Organization Information:

Community Population: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Closest Body of Water: \_\_\_\_\_

Distance to Closest Body of Water: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe how people in your community/organization currently use local waterways:

Describe your program (Who will run the program? How will it be organized?):

I understand that by signing below I agree to provide a report about the activity undertaken by the above PFD Loaner Program by October 1, 2020:  Yes

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Authorized Signature**  
*Must be a community administrator*

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Print Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Position/Title**

**Contact Information:**

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_