

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 1st 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



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: _____