



National Safety Council

Position/Policy Statement

Wearing of PFD's (Personal Flotation Devices) by Children With Respect to Proposed Mandated Legislation

WHEREAS, the National Safety Council has expressed a real interest in addressing the problems which concern the safety of America's youth;

WHEREAS, the National Safety Council has, through creation of the CHAPS (Community, Home, and Public Safety) Division Aquatic Task Force, created a vehicle for addressing the safety of workers and their families while in the community and on the waters;

WHEREAS, the National Safety Council has identified the 15 to 24 year old age group as the target for its "Focus on the Future":

WHEREAS, the children who are under this age constitute the main feeder population and are a key group to reach early with appropriate safety messages;

WHEREAS, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the National Safe Boating Council (NSBC), the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA), the United States Coast Guard (USCG), and other boating safety interests have reached a consensus that the age for mandatory wearing of PFDs (Personal Flotation Devices) should be 12 years and under.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Safety Council does strongly express that the age level for mandatory use of PFD's should be 12 years and under.

This position statement reflects the opinions of the National Safety Council but not necessarily those of each member organization.

Resolution approved by the Board of Directors October 26, 1994