

Kids Don't Float Program

Q&A:

Where do I go to update my site? *An online request form can be found at www.kidsdontfloat.alaska.gov. You can fill out the form to update your site information or start a new site.*

I am moving, what about the site I am sponsoring? *Let the KDF staff know that you are leaving by visiting the KDF website or calling 907-465-4170. Ideally, you find someone else in your community that would like to take on the responsibility. Once a new sponsor has been found, please contact Maria Bailey at 907-465-4170 with new contact information.*

All the life jackets are gone from the kiosk- how do I get more? *You can go online at anytime and submit a request form, please note, however, that the main life jacket order is placed in January every year, to ensure that the life jackets get to communities by the springtime. Requests after that will come from life jacket reserves that may or may not be available depending on demand.*

How much will this program cost us? *At this time there is funding available for educational materials, kiosk signs and life jackets. All you need to provide are the building materials for the kiosk and the manual labor!*

How do I find out where KDF boards are located and who the sponsors are? *You will find a list of active communities posted online at www.kidsdontfloat.alaska.gov for more detailed information call 907-465-4170.*

How are orders done? *A mass order of life jackets is placed at the beginning of each year. To ensure that your community is on the list for the next season, requests should be received no later than December 15th.*

How do I build the site kiosk to store the life jackets? *There are several different designs available in your sponsor manual and will be available online later in the year.*

Is there water safety training available? *There are several organizations that specialize in boating and water safety training programs. Contact Kelli Toth, Education Specialist for the Alaska Boating Safety Program at 907-269-6042 or Mike Folkerts, Recreational Boating Safety Specialist, with the US Coast Guard at 907-463-2297.*

KEY SPONSOR AGENCIES:

Injury Prevention Programs, Chronic Disease & Health Promotion, Alaska Department of Health & Social Services coordinates to establish and maintain loaner sites and provides data information and surveillance on the Kids Don't Float Program. Contact: Maria Bailey at (907) 465-4170 or by email to maria.bailey@alaska.gov

Alaska Office of Boating Safety, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation provides water and boating safety courses for the public and future instructors. They also purchase the majority of the life jackets for the KDF loaner sites. Contact: Nicole Lesko at (907) 269-8706 or Nicole_Lesko@alaska.gov.

Seventeenth US Coast Guard District- Promotes safe boating through training for all ages. The Coast Guard also prints and distributes the loaner board signs and purchases life jackets for sites when funds are available. Contact: Mike Folkerts at (907) 463-2297.