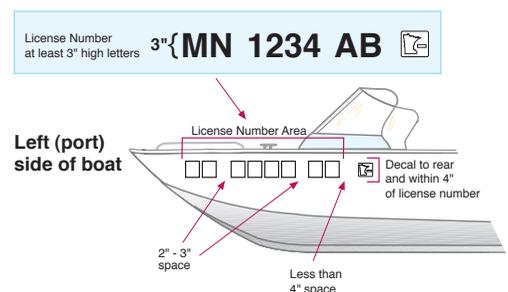
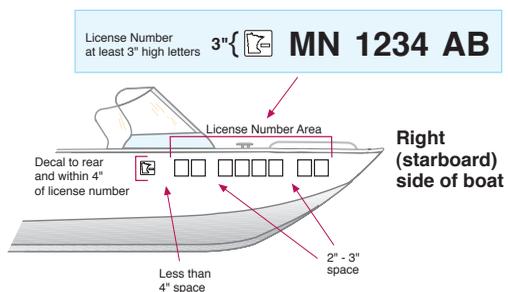


# Summary of Boating Regulations and Water Safety Tips

## Boat Licenses

Most boats are required to be licensed with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR). This includes motorboats, rowboats, canoes and kayaks. Boats with no motors that are nine feet in length or shorter do NOT need to be licensed. Boats are required to display the registration number and validation decal on both sides of the forward half of the craft. Boats used: 1) for duck hunting during the duck season and 2) for harvesting rice during the wild rice harvest season are exempt from licensing. For information on how to obtain a boat license, contact the DNR Registration & Titling Section (651) 296-2316 or toll free (800) 285-2000.



## Life Preservers

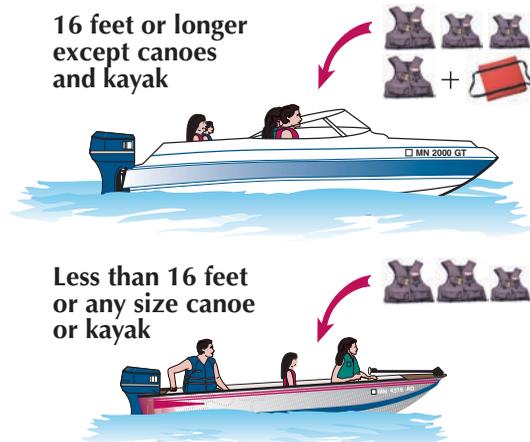
On all boats, there must be a readily accessible U.S. Coast Guard approved wearable life jacket for each person on board. Readily accessible means that the life jacket can be easily retrieved within a reasonable amount of time in an emergency. Life jackets must be in good condition and of the proper size and type for the person it is intended.

In addition, on boats 16 feet and longer (except canoes and kayaks) there must also be at least one

U.S. Coast Guard approved Type IV throwable device immediately available. In most cases this will be a buoyant seat cushion. If someone falls out of the boat or is in trouble in the water, throw the cushion to the person and tell them to hang on to it until they can be rescued.

Children under ten years old must wear a life jacket when on board any boat while it is underway. Underway means not attached to a permanent mooring or tied to a dock.

It is a smart idea for everyone to always wear a life jacket when in a boat. There just isn't time to put one on before an accident happens.



## Boat Lights

Boats are required to have lights between sunset and sunrise. Non-motorized boats must carry at least a white light, such as a flashlight, to display in time to avoid a collision with other watercraft. Motorboats, when moving, must have a red and green bow light and a white stern light that is visible from 360 degrees around the boat. If your motorboat is anchored you need to display only the 360-degree light.



## Boat Operator Ages

There are age restrictions for children under 18 years old operating motorboats. Please check with the

DNR for more information before allowing a child to drive a motorboat.

## Tubing

Tubing behind a boat should be done at a slow speed and only good swimmers wearing life jackets should be passengers on the tube. Turns should be made gradually and away from shore, other boats, swim rafts and docks to reduce the chance of a collision. There must be either an observer, or a wide-angle rearview mirror so the boat operator can watch the tubers.



## Dams

There are powerful currents near the base of both large and small dams that can trap a person or boat. It is best to stay well away from dams. On the Mississippi River, (except in the lock approach areas) you may not operate your boat closer than 600 feet above nor 150 feet below any dam from Minneapolis to the Iowa border.

## Swimming Safety

It is always best to swim at a beach or pool where lifeguards are on duty. Children should receive swimming lessons and also be watched very closely while they are in the water – even if there are lifeguards. Avoid swimming in ponds, rivers and water-filled gravel pits.

## Children and Water

Always watch children around water even when they are not swimming – water is fascinating to them and they do not realize it can also be dangerous.

## Getting help

In any emergency situation on the water, call 911 immediately on a cell or regular phone and describe the problem and where you are. Stay on the line to help emergency responders find you.

### For more information, call:

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 (Metro Area) (651) 296-5484 (MN Toll Free) 1-800-657-3929  
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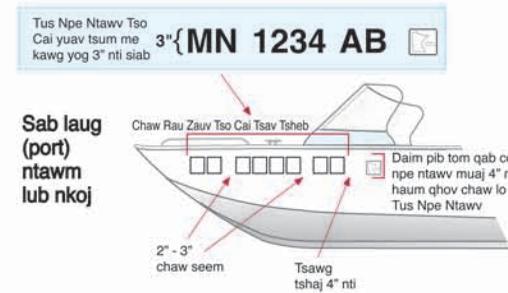
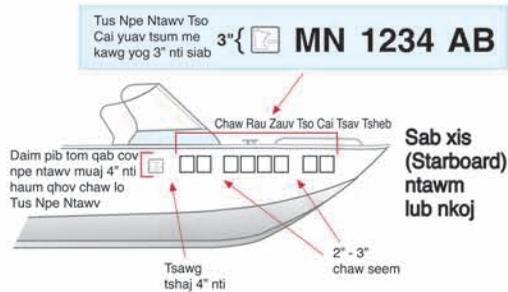
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# Ncauj Lus Nthuav Qhia Txog Kev Cai Tsav Nkoj Thiab Cov Tswv Yim Ceev Faj Hauv Dej

## Cov Ntawv Tso Cai Tsav Nkoj

Feem ntau, cov nkoj yuav tsum muaj ntawv tso cai tsav los ntawm Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Cov nkoj xws li cov nkoj tshuab, nkoj nquam (row boat and canoe) thiab cov nkoj kayak. Cov nkoj tshuab uas tsis ntev txog cuaj taws los yog luv dua TSIS tag muaj ntawv tso cai tsav. Yuav tsum muaj tus npe ntawv lo rau ob sab nkoj uas ze rov rau pem taub hau. Cov nkoj siv rau: 1) tua os rau lub caij nyooq tua os thiab 2) hlais nplej qus rau lub caij nplej siav tsis tag muaj ntaub ntawv tso cai tsav. Xav paub ntxiv txog kev muas ntawv tso cai tsav nkoj, hu rau DNR Chaw Zwm Ntaub Ntawv thiab Zwm Npe (651) 296-2316 los yog tus xov tooj hu kev deb dawb (800) 285-2000.



## Cov Tsho Cawm Siav

Nyob rau hauv txhua lub nkoj, yuav tsum npaj kom muaj cov tsho hnav ntab hauv dej rau txhua txhua tus neeg nyob hauv lub nkoj uas pom zoo cia siv los ntawm Teb Chaws Asmeskas Chaw Tiv Thaiv

Ntug Hiav Txwv (U.S. Coast Guard). Npaj muaj siv yuav tsum yog thaum muaj kev kub ceev muab tau sai sai los hnav. Cov tsho ntab cawm siav yuav tsum tsis txhob ntuag thiab yuav tsum haum tus neeg.

Ntxiv mus, nyob rau hauv lub nkoj uas ntev tshaj 16 taws los sis ntev dua (tsis yog cov nkoj nquam conoe thiab cov nkoj kayak), yuav tsum muaj ib lub khoom ntab hauv dej uas pom zoo siv los ntawm Teb Chaws Asmeskas Chaw Tiv Thaiv Ntug Hiav Txwv uas yog Hom IV uas txawb tau mus rau hauv dej ceev tam sis. Feem ntau yam khoom ntab hauv dej no yog daim pua ib lub rooj zaum uas muag muag. Yog leej twg poob nkoj los yog ntsib teeb meem hauv dej, pov yam khoom ntab no mus rau tus neeg ntawd thiab hais kom nws tuav ruaj ruaj kom txog thaum muaj neeg mus cawm tau nws.

Cov menyuum tsis tau nto kaum xyoo yuav tsum hnav lub tsho ntab hauv dej thaum nws nyob rau hauv txhua lub nkoj uas khiav rau hauv dej lawm. Khiav hauv dej yog thaum lub nkoj tsis txawb los yog khi rau ib yam dab tsi tim ntug kom nyob ruaj chaws.

Nws yog ib lub tswv yim zoo rau txhua txhua tus yuav tsum hnav lub tsho ntab hauv dej tas li thaum nyob rau hauv lub nkoj. Yog thaum muaj teeb meem lawm, nws yuav tsis muaj sij hawm rau koj los hnav lub tsho ntab hauv dej.

16 taws los yog ntev dua, tsis yog cov nkoj nquam canoe thiab cov nkoj kayak



Luv dua 16 taws los yog luaj li lub nkoj nquam canoe los yog nkoj kayak



## Cov Teeb Hauv Nkoj

Cov nkoj yuav tsum muaj teeb cig thaum hnuv poob mus txog rau hnuv tuaj. Cov nkoj tsis muaj tshuab yuav tsum nqa tsawg kawg yog ib lub teeb ci dawb, xws li lub teeb nyem, taws cig kom tsis txhob muaj kev sib tsoo nrog lwm cov nkoj hauv dej. Rau cov nkoj muaj tshuab, thaum lub nkoj pib txav lawm, yuav tsum muaj lub teeb liab thiab teeb ntsuab cig thiab lub teeb ci dawb kom siab uas ib puag ncig li 360 degree ntawm lub nkoj yuav tsum pom lub teeb ci. Yog thaum koj muab thauj tog pov rau hauv dej cia koj lub nkoj nyob ruaj chaws lawm, koj yuav tsum taws lub teeb ci dawb uas 360 degree ntawm lub nkoj.



## Cov Hnuv Nyooq Muaj Cai Tsav Nkoj

Muaj tej txoj cai txwv tsis kheev cov me nyuam tsis tau muaj hnuv nyooq 18 xyoo los tsav nkoj. Thov tham nrog DNR kom paub meej ua ntej tso cai rau ib tug me nyuam tsav lub nkoj muaj tshuab.

## Caij Plab Yas

Lub nkoj cab lub plab yas lawv qab yuav tsum tsav khiav maj mam thiab yuav tsum yog cov neeg txawj ua luam dej uas hnav cov tsho ntab hauv dej thiaj caij tau saum lub plab yas. Thaum lem, yuav tsum maj mam thiab lem kom deb ntawm ntug dej, lwm cov nkoj, cov phuaj rau neeg ua luam dej thiab cov chaw cug nkoj kom txhob muaj kev sib tsoo. Yuav tsum muaj daim iav saib pom los yog saib pom dav rov nram qab kom tus neeg tsav nkoj pom cov neeg caij plab yas nram qab.



## Cov Chaw Tauv Dej

Ntawm cov chaw tauv dej loj thiab tauv dej me puav leej muaj cov dej ntwc ceev heev uas yuav nqus tau ib tug neeg los yog ib lub nkoj. Qhov zoo tshaj yog txav kom

deb ntawm cov chaw tauv dej. Nyob hauv tus dej Mississippi, (tsis yog cov chaw xauv tseg cia) koj tsav tsis tau koj lub nkoj muaj tshuab mus ze dua 600 taws pem qaum los yog 150 taws nram qab ntawm qhov chaw tauv dej txij ntawm nroog Minneapolis mus txog ciam teb Iowa.

## Ceev Faj Kev Ua Luam Dej

Qhov zoo tshaj, ua luam dej ntawm ntug dej los yog hauv lub pas dej yuav tsum yog muaj cov neeg zov cawm neeg poob dej. Cov me nyuam yuav tsum xub xyaum kom txawj ua luam dej thiab yuav tsum saib ntsoov thaum lawv nyob hauv dej. Txawm tias yog muaj cov neeg zov cawm neeg poob dej nrog ncig los yuav tsum yog tsis txhob ua luam dej hauv cov pas dej tauv, cov kwj deg ntwc thiab cov pas dej muaj qhov av poob tob.

## Cov Me Nyuam thiab Dej

Thaum yus nyob ze dej, tab txawm yus cov me nyuam tsis da dej los yuav tsum tau saib ntsoov cov me nyuam. Dej yog ib yam txaus siab tab sis me nyuam lawv tsis paub hais tias dej txaus ntshai heev li.

## Nrhiav Neeg Pab

Thaum muaj kev kub ceev hauv dej, hu **911** sai li sai tau thiab piav qhov teeb meem thiab qhia seb koj nyob rau qhov twg. Nyob twj ywm hauv lub xov tooj kom cov neeg pab nrhiav tau koj tob.

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Tsab ntawm no muaj sau ua lwm hom rau cov tib neeg muaj kev tsis taus yog hu rau cov xov tooj saum toj no.

Txhua tus tib neeg tsis hais nws yog haiv neeg twg, xim nqaij daim tawv zoo li cas, kev ntseeg yog dab tsi, kev cai dab qhuas yog dab tsi, yug lub teb chaws twg tuaj, yog poj niam los txiv neeg, kev txij nkawm zoo li cas, tau kev pab noj haus los ntawm nom tswv li cas, kev yeem sib deev li cas, kev tsis taus li cas los yog muaj kev koom nrog chaw tswj xyuas tib neeg kev cai ncaj ncees zoo li cas, puav leej koom nrog thiab tau cov kev pab los ntawm Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Cov ncauj lus txog kev ntub ntxaug yuav tsum xa mus rau Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155 - 4049.

Cov ntawv no luam los ntawm cov ntawv uas rov muab ua dua los siv uas muaj tsawg kawg yog 30% cov khoom pov tseg tsis zoo lawm.