

ARE YOUR LIFEJACKETS KEEPING YOU SAFE?

Our guide on how to check and maintain your lifesaving equipment

Here are some quick and easy checks you can carry out regularly to make sure your lifejacket is still fit-for-purpose:



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Check for visual wear and tear

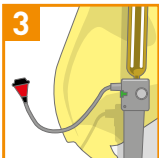
Look at your lifejacket's buckles, clips, webbing and straps.



2

Look at the gas cylinder

Is it secure? Has it been used? Is it corroded?



3

Inspect the cap or capsule

Has it been used? Is it in date?



4

Test the air bladder (following the manufacturer's guidelines)

Does it still hold air? Is the end cap in place?



5

Repack your lifejacket correctly

Warning: Failure to follow the manufacturer's packing instructions may stop your lifejacket inflating correctly.

Lifejacket checks are **not a replacement for getting your lifejacket serviced** by an approved service agent, as per the manufacturer's guidelines.

Scan here for more information on lifejacket checks



Volunteer RNLI crews are launching to more and more rescues involving boat users.

Being prepared at sea by wearing a well fitted and maintained lifejacket can help you become your own lifesaver.

Type of Rescue	2020	2021
Motorboat	1,009	1,109
Sailing vessel	577	744



GJW Direct and the RNLI Working together to prevent drowning

The RNLI and GJW Direct have proudly joined forces to share vital water safety advice with boat users like you, to protect you and yours on the water. Knowing the importance of wearing a personal floatation device, such as a lifejacket, can make a lifesaving difference.

Whatever activity you enjoy doing on the water, remember:

- Wear a suitable, well fitted and maintained personal floatation device
- In an emergency, call 999 or 112 and ask for the coastguard or use Channel 16

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