

## PFD CHECKLIST

- Has a Transport Canada (TC) or Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) label identifying the PFD as certified safe and effective in Canada. The label will also identify the appropriate size and weight restrictions for the user.
- No rips or tears.
- Variety of colours and styles. Colours are usually bright and easy to see; red, yellow and orange are the most common.
- A buckle strap between the legs is common for all child-sized PFDs.
- Large collar for head support.
- A zipper closes the front of the PFD. To make the PFD safer, a buckle runs around the PFD. The buckle has a strap that can be tightened to fit a variety of sizes.
- Ties are placed at the bottom of the PFD to ensure a tight fit around the hips. This will help stop the PFD from going over the shoulders.
- Whistles (a sound signalling device) should be attached to the zipper of the PFD in case the wearer falls out of a boat. The whistle will make noise to bring help.
- All child-sized PFDs have a grab strap around the top of the PFD to help grab kids who have fallen into the water. The rescuer who grabs the strap will be in a boat or on a dock.
- Around all parts of the PFD, reflective tape is used to help rescuers better see a person who has fallen into the water.

