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Think Water Safety

If you are planning a trip to the lake to cool off and relax, please protect yourself and the people you love by thinking about water safety. Every year hundreds of people drown or are involved in water related accidents, because they don't take responsibility for the safety of themselves and their family members. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers would like to remind you that nearly all accidents at the lake could be prevented by following a few basic rules of water safety. First and foremost, wear a life jacket while boating. It's a proven fact that more than 90% of drowning victims were not wearing life jackets. A life jacket is the boater's first and best line of defense against drowning. Second, watch your children closely and please have them wear a lifejacket when near the lake. Drownings that involve children often occur in shallow water and it only takes a minute or two for a child to get into trouble. Third, if you drink, remember alcohol is involved in more than 50% of all drownings. Please don't drink if you plan to swim or drive a boat. This summer play it safe, take water safety seriously.