

Harvard Town Beach Life Jacket Rules and Regulations

Individuals may use a Personal Flotation Device (PFD)/ Life Jacket at Harvard's Town Beach if they are under the age of 18, are a non-swimmer, or are an at-risk swimmer.

Rules for Lifejacket use:

- **ONLY United States Coast Guard Approved Type I, II or III PFDs** are allowed. Inflatables, floaties, water-wings, suits with a built-in float, noodles etc. are not allowed at Town Beach. Look on the inside of the PFD for a stamp indicating if it is a Type I, II, or III to ensure you are purchasing a verified and safe product.
- Lifeguards have the right to deny the use of a PFD if it is not the appropriate type or if they believe it is not appropriately sized or in proper condition.
- All persons wearing PFDs must remain in designated shallow water areas as demarcated by the buoy line.
- All persons wearing a PFD **must be accompanied by an adult swimmer and be always within arm's reach, so called "touch supervision"**.
- Lifeguards have the right to take the person wearing the PFD out of the water if they are not accompanied by an adult swimmer.
- Parents/Guardians/Caretakers are responsible at all times for the individual using the PFD.

The use of a Personal Flotation Device is not an appropriate replacement for close and active supervision of non-swimmers or at-risk swimmers. PFDs are not failsafe against drowning incidents.

Non-swimmers and at-risk swimmers should never be left alone near water even while wearing a PFD or in a Lifeguarded environment.

[Click here for more information on Life jackets from the US Coast Guard:](#)