

Buoyancy Aids



A buoyancy aid is a floatation device designed to keep the user afloat should they enter the water. Unlike a lifejacket, it will not support the airway should a user go unconscious.

Does it Fit Correctly?

- ✓ Will it support the users weight?
- ✓ Can the arms and neck move freely?
- ✓ Is it fitted so it will not ride up when the user hits the water?
- ✓ Crotch straps for children must be worn.

If a BA does not allow for any of the above, it is likely it is not the right size or has not been fitted correctly.



Check the inside of a BA for compliance and performance rating markings.

Safety Inspection Checklist

Follow the manufacturer's guidance on use, storage and maintenance.

- Buckles, straps, stitching, webbing and zips in good working order? ✓
- Is the foam integrity good? ✓
- No UV damage? ✓
- No rips or tears? ✓

If a BA does not meet all of the above, it is likely not fit for purpose.

