



MSHA's Accident Prevention Program Miner's Tip

**SAFETY
IS A
VALUE!**

Life Jackets

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Safety Tip: Life jackets do save lives. Wear yours.

Two miners recently drowned while working on or near water. A miner drowned at a dredging operation when the boat he was working from sank. Although he could swim, he was not wearing a life jacket. His companion, a non-swimmer, was able to grab two small tanks that floated by him. He survived. In effect, these tanks acted as his "life jacket."



The following practices may save your life.

- **ALWAYS** wear an approved personal flotation device (PFD) when working or traveling on a boat.
- A Type I device provides the most protection of common PFD's. These are designed to turn most unconscious people face up in the water.
- Flotation devices, like any tool or equipment, require replacement after a period of use. Inspect your PFD periodically to insure it is in serviceable condition. Replace it at the first sign of damage or unusual wear.

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Remember – Safety is a Value that you can LIVE with!