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# Lifejackets

## WHEN SHOULD YOU WEAR A LIFEJACKET?

Lifejackets should be worn when working on or near the river. Port of Tyne policy is for all staff, visitors and contractors to wear a lifejacket when working within 2 metres of a quay edge or when working on or transiting across Port of Tyne pontoons. Lifejackets should also be worn at all times when operating outside (on-deck) of any waterborne Port of Tyne vessel unless the area has enclosed handrails and is deemed safe.

## Correct use of lifejacket

- ✓ Fastened correctly at the front using the buckle.
- ✓ Pre-use check – the user should carry out a visual pre-use check to ensure the lifejacket is fit for use.
- ✓ Crotch-strap fitted and fastened avoiding any loose straps hanging down.
- ✓ Serviced regularly by a registered service contractor and in-date.



## Never

- ✗ Work on or near the water without wearing a lifejacket.
- ✗ Embark or disembark a Port of Tyne vessel without wearing a lifejacket.
- ✗ Wear a lifejacket without a crotch-strap.

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