



# KNOW THE LAW

		Arizona	California	Nevada
Operator Age, Education and Supervision		<p><b>Watercraft with motors greater than 8hp:</b> The operator must be at least 12 years of age. An operator under the age of 12 must have direct on board supervision by a person who is at least 18 years old.</p>	<p><b>Watercraft with motors greater than 15hp and sailboats exceeding 30' in length:</b> Operator must be at least 16 years old. Operators between the ages of 12–15 must have a person 18 or older on board for supervision.</p>	<p><b>Motorboats with motors of 15hp or greater on interstate waters:</b> Any operator, born on or after Jan. 1, 1983, must possess proof of completion of a NASBLA approved boating course if operating on Nevada's interstate waters, including but not limited to Lake Mead, Lake Mojave, Lake Tahoe, Topaz Lake and Sections of the Colorado River System.</p> <p><b>PWC:</b> The operator must be at least 14 years of age and comply with the requirement above.</p>
Life Jacket Rules	All Watercraft:	One type I, II, III, or V life jacket for each person on board. Vessels 16' or longer must carry at least one type IV life jacket, except canoes and kayaks.	One type I, II, III or V life jacket for each person on board. Vessels 16' or longer must carry at least one type IV life jacket.	One Type I, II, III, or V life jacket for each person on board. Vessels 16' or longer must carry at least one Type IV life jacket.
	Age Required To Wear:	A person, age 12 or younger, must wear a Type I, II, III life jacket while the vessel is underway. When wearing a life jacket, all closures must be secured according to the manufacturer's design.	Under 13 must wear Type I, II, III, or V life jacket when on vessel 26' or less while underway.	Children under 13 must wear a life jacket when the watercraft is underway, except when inside an enclosed cabin.
	PWC:	Each person on board must wear a life jacket.	Each person on board must wear a Type I, II, III, or V life jacket.	The operator and all passengers must wear a life jacket.
	Towed Devices:	Each person being towed must wear a life jacket, buoyant belt, or other flotation aid. If a buoyant belt or flotation aid is used, a life jacket must be on board the towing vessel for each person being towed.	Each person being towed must wear a Type I, II, III, or V life jacket.	Each person being towed must wear a life jacket.
Towing Others	Flag:	International orange or red ski flag, at least 12" by 12"	International orange or red ski flag, at least 12" x 12"	International orange ski flag, at least 12" x 12"
	Observer:	An operator of a watercraft shall ensure that the observer of a water skier must be on board and is both physically capable and mentally competent to act as an observer and be at least 12 years of age.	Must be on board towing vessel and at least 12 years old.	Must be on board towing vessel. Must be at least 14 years of age. Observer may be age 12 if a person 18 years or older is on board the towing vessel. Displays the ski flag when the skier is down.
	Time:	Allowed sunrise to sunset.	Allowed sunrise to sunset.	Allowed sunrise to sunset.
	Vessel Capacity			The towing vessel must have sufficient capacity, rated for three or more persons.
	Other			Persons must be at least 16 years old to tow a person behind a boat, but may be 14 years old if they are supervised by someone 18 years or older. The observer must be 14 years old, but may be 12 if supervised by someone 18 years old.
Other Rules	Boating Under the Influence (BUI):	0.08% Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC)	0.08% Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC)	0.08% Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC)