

# Summer water safety

*keeping your family safe*

**As the summer days grow longer**, our Alaska Native people will spend more time on the water – whether it is on boats, shores, fishing or recreation. Every year, water related accidents and fatalities affect our Native community.

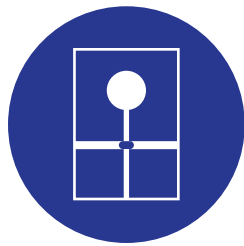
On average, **17 Alaska Native people drown each year**. About half of Alaska Native drowning victims are ages 30 and under. Alaska Native men are six times as likely to drown than our Native women.

## Follow these safety tips whenever you are on the water!

**Keep young children away from water unless supervised by an adult**



**Ensure the whole family has access to and uses flotation devices when near water**



**When boating, have a means of communication/signaling device to attract help in an emergency**



**When boating, file a plan so someone knows where you are and when you are expected back**



**Have your family members attend a water safety class** such as those provided by AMSEA or the Alaska Office of Boating Safety

