# Required Safety Equipment

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<th>Equipment</th>
<th>Recreational Skipper’s Ticket</th>
<th>0-2 Nautical Miles from the mainland shore</th>
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<td>Fire Extinguisher</td>
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<td>Anchor and Line</td>
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**Protected Waters**
- Lakes, rivers, inlets and estuaries except Lake Argyle.

**Contact details**
- Department of Transport
  - Email: marine.safety@transport.wa.gov.au
  - Website: www.transport.wa.gov.au/imarine
  - Marine Safety Hotline: 13 11 56

**Boating Weather Forecast**
- Boating Weather: 1300 659 210
- Website: www.bom.gov.au/marine

For further information go to [www.transport.wa.gov.au/dontexpire](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/dontexpire) or scan the QR code.

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**Safety equipment**

Responsible skippers know, vessels are required to carry in date safety equipment.

The quantity and type of equipment varies depending on how far offshore you travel, and it is important to understand that these are minimum requirements.

**Keep it maintained**

All safety equipment must be maintained in very good condition and be accessible at all times.

To maximise survival in an emergency, you and your passengers need to know:

- where the equipment is stowed;
- how to use it; and
- when to use it.

**Check expiry dates**

Identify safety equipment that has an expiry servicing or maintenance date and record each on a Department of Transport (DoT) ‘Don’t Expire’ sticker *.

This includes: flares, distress beacons, fire extinguishers and inflatable lifejackets.

Other ways to ensure safety equipment with an expiry date is checked and replaced if necessary.

- Put the dates in your diary.
- Put the dates in your mobile phone.

**Fire extinguishers**

All fire extinguishers should be inspected at least every six months. All extinguishers, other than carbon dioxide, have a pressure gauge indicating their state of charge and a security seal on the trigger. They should be recharged if the seal is broken or the gauge is not in the green sector. Tap the gauge lightly to check the needle is not stuck.

**Inflatable lifejackets**

Inflatable lifejackets are becoming increasingly popular. You should check the condition of all lifejackets periodically. Check for cuts and tears that could let water enter the jacket and rot the buoyant material. Check the straps are in good condition and not frayed. It is important that inflatable jackets are regularly serviced and maintained as instructed by the manufacturer.

**Distress flares**

Your flares must be maintained in serviceable condition at all times and within their expiry date. Check them regularly to ensure they have not been rendered unserviceable by exposure to moisture. Mildew, or bubbling of paper coatings may indicate this.

**Distress beacons**

Distress beacons have two expiry dates for the battery and registration. Distress beacons must be in current registration with the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA). Registration needs to be updated every two years or at time of owner transfer.

**Disposal**

Do not discard unserviceable or out of date distress beacons or flares in general rubbish or land fill. For safe disposal drop them at a DoT office or visit our website at www.transport.wa.gov.au/flares for a full list of disposal sites.

DoT Driver and Vehicle Services centres in the metropolitan area will not accept out of date flares or distress beacons.

Alternatively distress beacons can be left in marked bins at Battery World stores around Australia. Location of Battery World outlets can be found at: www.batteryworld.com.au, a fee may be charged.

* For a ‘Don’t Expire’ sticker contact 13 11 56.