

Public Service Announcement

Boat safety starts before you leave shore

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As boating season gets underway across the territory, Nunavut Emergency Management is reminding residents to take a few moments to prepare before heading out on the water.

Whether travelling between communities, heading out to harvest, or spending time on the land, preparation is an important part of every trip. Before leaving shore, make sure you have the equipment, supplies, and information needed for a safe journey.

Before heading out, take a few minutes to prepare:

- Check that your boat, motor, and safety equipment are ready for the trip.
- Review weather and water conditions before departure.
- Carry a personal flotation device for all onboard and a reliable means of communication, such as a VHF radio, satellite phone, or SPOT device.
- Consider carrying paddles as a backup if your motor stops working.
- Let someone know where you are going, who is travelling with you, and when you expect to return.

Boaters should also remember that operating a vessel while impaired is dangerous and against the law.

Conditions on the water can change quickly. A few minutes of preparation before leaving shore can make all the difference if your plans change unexpectedly.

For more information on safe boating practices and required safety equipment, visit Transport Canada's [Safe Boating Guide](#).

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