CRIME PREVENTION MARINE WATCH

Report crime to Police on 131 444 and suspicious activity to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000

SAFE & SECURE BOATING.



A GUIDE TO A MORE SECURE AND A SAFE BOATING EXPERIENCE

1800 333 0

- Plan your trip by checking your equipment, the weather, and your vessel.
- Inform someone about your boating plans and expected return time.
- Avoid drinking and driving.
- Maintain a proper lookout and adhere to the vessel's capacity limits, ensuring enough life jackets for everyone on board.
- Carry mandatory safety equipment, keep it accessible, and check its validity.

- Observe speed limits and navigational signs.
- Wear your life jacket in poor weather, when crossing a coastal bar, during storms, or when boating alone. Children should wear life jackets at all times while the vessel is underway.
- Understand your limitations and your vessel's capabilities.
- Register your recreational vessel and trailer with the Department of Transport.

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BOATING SAFETY TIPS.

To prevent theft of your vessel or property, take these basic steps

- Record details of your boat and equipment, including serial numbers.
- Mark your dinghy with an identifying feature, such as your driver's license number.
- Install an anti-theft device on your trailer and a quality lock and alarm on your boat.
- Remove valuable items from your boat when unattended or ensure they are hidden.
- Secure your vehicle onshore and remove all valuables.
- Do not leave alcohol or keys visible on the vessel; take keys with you.

Speed limit restrictions

- Do not travel at a speed or in a manner that causes nuisance or damage to people or other vessels.
- In areas with speed limits, signs will indicate the maximum speed.
- If there are no speed signs, you must not exceed 8 knots when:
 - Passing through an arch of a bridge
 - In or through a mooring area
 - In waters less than 3m deep
 - Within 50m of a moving vessel
- Maintain a 50m distance from:
 - A moored vessel
 - A person in the water
 - A jetty or wharf
 - A river bank or low water mark

Coast radio stations

• The Water Police operate Coast Radio Perth and Coast Radio Hedland from North Fremantle, monitoring emergency frequencies 24/7.

For the Perth area, VHF Ch 16/67 is also monitored. Weather and navigation warnings are broadcast at 0718, 1318, and 1918 WST on Ch 16/67.

For vessels within 200Nm of the coast, navigation warnings for Austcoast Sea Areas E-H are broadcast on HF 8176 kHz at 1257, 1457, and 1657 WST.

Reporting to Police

- Protect the area from weather or contamination for forensic examination of DNA and fingerprints.
- Observe any disturbances or changes to onboard equipment for forensic analysis.
- Asking neighbours, club members, or other vessel users about similar incidents or suspicious activities and sharing this information with the police.
- Water Police Co-ordination Centre, Coast Radio Perth and Port Hedland. Ch 16 vhf, 27.88 Mhz. 4125, 6215 and 8291 khz.
 08 9442 8600







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