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DANGERS around the water

This issue of PLAY focuses on how to fish and boat safely. Both sports are a lot of fun, if done properly. Did you know that you are more at risk for serious injury or death riding in a car to your fishing spot than while you are fishing or boating? Still, you shouldn't be careless when fishing or boating. This issue includes important information to keep you safe. It also includes a few safety equipment projects.

The best item of safety equipment you have is your brain. Before you go fishing or boating, take a minute to think about and prepare for dangers you might run into. Some you can see. Others you cannot. Serious injuries can happen to careless anglers who hook themselves or someone else with a fishhook. This issue includes tips for being safe around fishhooks. We have also included some first aid details in case of an accident with a hook.

Cold water can steal your body heat much faster than cold air. Cold water is one of the biggest dangers anglers and boaters face. Each year in Pennsylvania people die because they either fall overboard or tip the boat over in cold water. Fast-moving water is another danger for boaters and anglers.

Always wear your life jacket when boating. It floats, you don't. If you are a wading angler, the fast current can knock you over. Or you can lose your footing and go in over your head. Read the next pages to find more about preparing for some of these dangers and how to be a S.M.A.R.T. boater and angler.



"COLD WATER KILLS!"

