

**115-30-3. Personal flotation devices; requirements.** (a) "PFD" means any type I, II, III, IV or V personal flotation device approved by the United States coast guard for use on recreational vessels.

(b) Each vessel shall have at least one type I, II, or III PFD on board for each individual in the vessel and at least one type I, II, or III PFD on board for each individual being towed.

(c) To meet the "serviceable condition" requirement of K.S.A. 32-1119, each required PFD shall meet the requirements defined by 33 C.F.R. 175.23, as in effect on April 29, 1996, and shall be of the appropriate size and type for the individual to whom it is assigned.

(d) In addition to the provisions of subsection (b), each vessel 16 feet or greater in length, except canoes and kayaks, shall have at least one type IV PFD on board.

(e) A type V personal flotation device may be used to satisfy requirements of subsections (b) or (d) if these conditions are met:

- (1) the device is United States coast guard approved;
- (2) the device is labeled for the activity for which the recreational vessel is being used;
- (3) the device is used in accordance with requirements on the label; and
- (4) the device is used in accordance with the requirements in its owner s manual if the label refers to the manual.

(f) To meet the readily accessible requirement of K.S.A. 32-1119, each required PFD shall be in open view and shall not be stowed in locked or closed compartments or be inside plastic or other packaging material. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 32-1119; effective October 22, 1990; amended March 20, 1995; amended Feb. 28, 1997.)