



Teaching Materials

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DROWNING IS THE SECOND LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH AMONG CHILDREN

To reduce this unacceptable statistic, the Oregon State Marine Board in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Education has produced four water and boating safety programs for use in Oregon's schools. All four programs require minimal preparation time,

and instructors do not have to be experts in water or boating safety. These programs are complete water and boating safety lessons; all necessary videos and teaching materials are supplied.



AquaSMART 3-5

Designed for students in the third through fifth grades, this program expands upon the 10 lessons in AquaSMART K-2. In the video, members of the “AquaSMART Team” learn how to recognize danger and make safe choices around the water.



The video is accompanied by a detailed instructor’s guide. Each lesson is structured around an unsafe scenario involving the AquaSMART team. Through class activities, students learn to prevent accidents and to help themselves or someone else in trouble.

OREGON WATER POWER

The video is specific to recreational boating in Oregon and to situations that cause numerous accidents and deaths on the water each year. The first part, “Boating at its Best” (15 min.), uses adventurous and typical water activities such as kayaking, sailboarding and canoeing to present key ideas about safe boating:

- Know the water on which you’re boating.
- Be responsible for the passengers in your boat.
- Boat with friends and handle peer pressure.
- Wear a life jacket.
- Understand cold water survival.

The second part, “Breaking the Fatal Chain” (9 1/2 min.), provides case studies, allowing students to apply their boating safety knowledge to problem situations. Stopping points provide



time for class discussion and are indicated in the discussion guide accompanying the tape.

OREGON WATER READY

Through the “Oregon Water Ready” course and on-the-water instruction, students learn to recognize the hazards of cold water, basic rescue techniques, and proper use of boating equipment and boats.

Schools with water safety programs will find “Oregon Water Ready” a perfect compliment to their existing curriculum. The Marine Board will help teach your instructors how to use this course by facilitating an instructor workshop.

“The accident scenarios do a great job of demonstrating the hazards boating presents if unprepared. And I especially like the way the film is formatted, allowing for student participation.”

— John Becker, Instructor, Greater Albany Public Schools

INFORMATION AND MATERIALS

For more information about any of these programs or to organize an instructor training session, contact the Oregon State Marine Board.

Presentations by Law Enforcement Officers

Marine deputies from county sheriff offices are trained to give boating and water safety presentations based on the AquaSMART and Oregon Water Power programs. If you would like an officer to visit your class, contact your county sheriff’s office and ask for the marine program.



“AquaSMART presents our water safety message in a fun and entertaining way, and the materials provided make it easy for even a first-time instructor to use.”

— Cpl. Shawn Richards, Water Safety Instructor, Klamath County Sheriff’s Office

AquaSMART K-2

The AquaSMART program shows children in grades K-2 how to be safe in and around the water. In the video, “Splasher” the frog teaches his other puppet friends ten basic water and boating safety lessons. Children learn that boating can be both safe and fun if they follow the rules:

1. Learn to swim.
2. Wear a life jacket.
3. Learn to float.
4. Reach, throw or row.
5. Look before you leap.
6. Don’t overload your boat.
7. Stay with your boat.
8. Learn the boating rules of the road.
9. Alcohol, drugs and boating don’t mix.
10. Be polite, don’t pollute.

The instructor’s guide, designed to accompany the video, includes an outline and student activities for each lesson, as well as parent letters which keep the family involved in the learning process.