

Key Facts

- As well as life jackets, an Engine Cutoff Switch lanyard is considered to be an essential safety item.
- Boating accident statistics show that having an operator wear an Engine Cutoff Switch lanyard would likely prevent many propeller injuries.
- If the operator is the sole occupant of the boat, is thrown overboard and not wearing an Engine Cutoff Switch lanyard, they are at risk of being hit by the boat if it circles, or are at risk of drowning if they are unable to get back in the boat.
- Most outboard manufacturers include an Engine Cutoff Switch in voluntary compliance with recommended industry practices.



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TESTIMONIALS

"I never thought I would have an accident on a boat. However, this winter I fell off my boat while I was out fishing. My boat went into a spiral circling several times, hit its own wake and came straight at me. I managed to avoid getting hit in the head but it did run over my leg, severing it almost completely. I lost six units of blood in a matter of minutes. Fortunately, a PWC rider found me and pulled me from the water. All of this could have been avoided if I simply wore my Engine Cutoff Switch."

-Tom D



"We were out filming my son in his boat when he hit our wake at the wrong angle. His boat went airborne and landed sideways flinging him from the boat. He broke his collarbone and was inches from losing his life if the engine had still been running. **His life jacket and Engine Cutoff Switch saved his life.**

- Susan H



Wear Your Engine Cutoff Switch!

Wear Your Life Jacket!



A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH

An Emergency Engine Cutoff Switch can save your life!



All passengers should be properly seated while underway. The bow, the gunnels, and the swim platforms are NOT SEATS.

In an accident, a moving propeller can amputate or maim in the blink of an eye and the **'Emergency Engine Cutoff Switch'** is the **only** safety device that can stop the engine and potentially prevent disaster if the operator falls or is ejected from the boat.

What Is An Emergency Engine Cutoff Switch?

An '**Emergency Engine Cutoff Switch**', sometimes referred to as a 'Kill Switch', is a time-proven safety device used to shut down the boat's engines and stop the propellers when it is activated.



Hooked from the ignition to your life jacket, waist, wrist or thigh, this lanyard shuts off the engine and stops the boat if the operator is thrown overboard.



Engine Cutoff Switches have been installed on many boats for more than 30 years. The U.S. Coast Guard strongly recommends that the operator wear the switch lanyard when operating the boat, if one is installed, OR install a retrofit which is easy and inexpensive. Don't launch without it!

FAQ

If the water is calm and I am driving safely do I still need to wear the Engine Cutoff Switch?
Yes, no matter the weather or the operator's experience an Engine Cutoff Switch should always be worn.

Wearing my Engine Cutoff Switch lanyard is uncomfortable on my wrist. Is there any way to make it more comfortable?

Lanyards can also be securely attached to clothing or lifejackets as well as the wrist.

Is it true that Engine Cutoff Switches are required to be worn during some professional fishing tournaments?

Yes, wearing an Engine Cutoff Switch is required.

Is an Engine Cutoff Switch lanyard my only option?

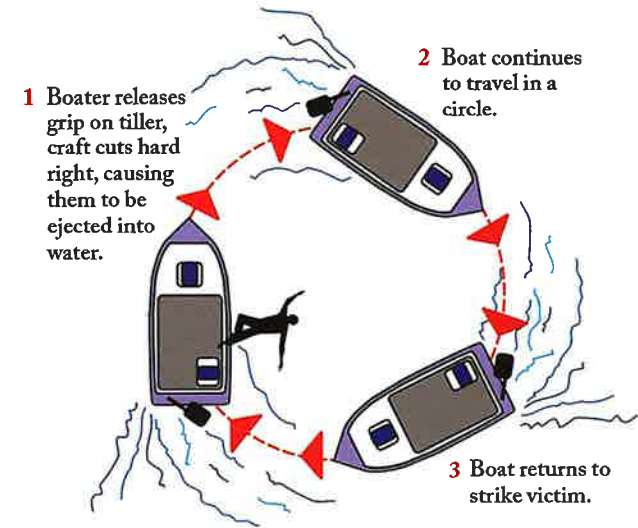
There are Engine Cutoff Switch models that work just as well using wireless technology rather than a lanyard.

The Wireless Option

Many operators want more freedom to move around on their boat at the cost of not wearing their Engine Cutoff Switch lanyard. Since this hazardous practice is so common, several Wireless Engine Cutoff Switch models have been developed. These models may include any or all of the following features:

- False Activation Safeguards
- Monitor multiple individuals at once: operator and all passengers onboard
- Easy portability and installation
- Compatibility for Inboard, Sterndrive and Outboard Engines
- Loud overboard alarm
- Radio Direction Finder (RDF), Wired GPS and Chart Plotter Compatibility

Which wireless model to choose, is left to boaters to decide what features best fit their needs.



"Circle of Death" illustration courtesy of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Many unmanned powerboats underway will continue to turn in a circle until they run out of gas. If the operator falls, or is ejected, out of the boat and is not wearing an Engine Cutoff Switch lanyard they will have placed themselves and any passengers that may have fallen or been ejected in grave danger of being hit by the boat or the propeller if they fall within the path of the circling boat. Operators can be ejected when the boat hits a wave, wake, takes a sharp turn, runs into a submerged object, suffers steering failure, etc.

*Don't forget to also
Wear Your Lifejacket
and
Don't Drink and Boat!*