

ARE YOU REQUIRED TO WEAR A PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE?

Washington Administrative Code [296-800-16070](#) requires that a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) be worn when working in areas where danger of drowning exists, such as:
on the water, over the water, or alongside the water.



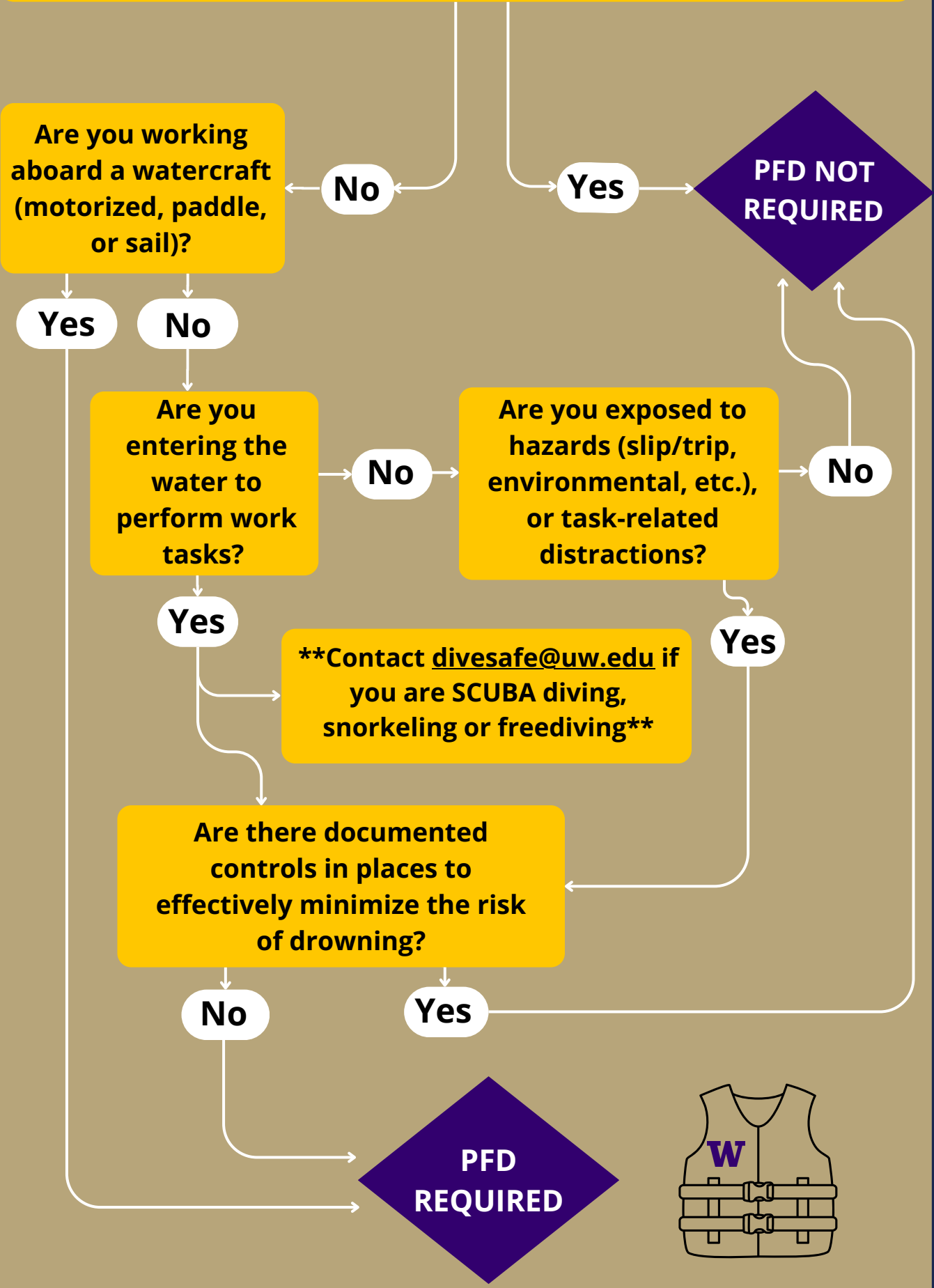
The following applies to all University personnel, students, and volunteers engaged in research, teaching, or operational activities.

RESPOND “YES” OR “NO” TO THE FOLLOWING:

WHILE WORKING, ARE YOU...

- Fully suited up in SCUBA gear?
- Lifeguarding or performing in-water activities while being monitored by a lifeguard at a Water Recreational Facility?
- Inside a cab or structure that eliminates the possibility of falling into water?
- Behind guardrails that are standard height/strength?
- Wearing approved fall protection?

If you answered “Yes” to any of the questions above, a PFD is not required.



REFERENCES

[WA State Dept. of Labor & Industries DOSH Directive 21.25 - Personal Flotation Devices](#)
[University of Washington Boating Safety Manual](#)
[UW Personal Flotation Devices Focus Sheet](#)

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