

## Recreational craft (boats etc)

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### **This guidance is for England, Scotland and Wales**

A recreational craft is any boat, of any type, regardless of its means of propulsion; its hull must be no less than 2.5 m and no more than 24 m, and it must be intended for sports and leisure purposes.

As a manufacturer, importer or distributor of recreational craft there are certain obligations you must fulfil before you place the recreational craft, personal water craft (such as jet skis) or propulsion engine on the market. A recreational craft must meet all the essential requirements of the Recreational Craft Regulations 2107 when it is placed on the market.

Now that the UK has left the European Union, the CE mark is being replaced by the UKCA mark. For more information see 'Product safety: due diligence'.

### **Office for Product Safety and Standards guidance**

The Office for Product Safety and Standards - which is part of the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy - has produced guidance on the Regulations, which can be found on the GOV.UK website.

### Key legislation

Recreational Craft Regulations 2017

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### In this update

No major changes

## Please note

This information is intended for guidance; only the courts can give an authoritative interpretation of the law.

The guide's 'Key legislation' links may only show the original version of the legislation, although some amending legislation is linked to separately where it is directly related to the content of a guide. Information on amendments to legislation can be found on each link's 'More Resources' tab.

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