

EMERGENCY ENGINE/PROPULSION CUT-OFF DEVICES FAQs

Emergency engine/propulsion cut-off devices, sometimes referred to as an engine cut-off switch or kill switch, are a time-proven safety device used to stop the boats engines should the driver unexpectedly fall overboard.

Boaters frequently ask these questions about how an emergency engine/propulsion cut-off switch works.

1. *If the water is calm and the boater is driving safely, do they need to wear the engine cutoff switch?*

Yes, no matter the weather or the operator's experience an engine cut-off switch should always be worn.

2. *Wearing the engine cut-off switch lanyard feels uncomfortable on my wrist. Is there any way to make it more comfortable?*

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

3. *Is it true that engine cut-off switches are required to be worn during some professional fishing tournaments?*

Yes, wearing an engine cut-off switch is required. Watch this [video](#) showing two members of the University of Florida Bass Fishing Team being thrown from their boat during a tournament due to a steering part failure.

4. *Is the engine cutoff switch lanyard my only option?*

There are engine cut-off switch models that work just as well using wireless technology rather than a lanyard. Wireless engine cut-off switch models may feature:

- False activation safeguards
- Monitor multiple individuals at once, such as operator and all passengers on board
- Easy portability and installation
- Compatibility for inboard, sterndrive and outboard engines
- Loud overboard alarm
- Radio Direction Finder (RDF), wired GPS and chart plotter compatibility

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