FOURTH OF JULY – BOATING SAFETY DR. LAURA PETREY, TRAUMA SURGEON, BAYLOR UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

{**ON CAM**}

PREPARING TO SPEND SOME TIME ON THE WATER THIS HOLIDAY WEEKEND?

{**TAKE VO**}

TRT: 2:03

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER TRAUMA SURGEON DR. LAURA PETREY SAYS A LIFE JACKET IS THE ONE THING NO BOATER SHOULD LEAVE HOME WITHOUT.

SHE SAYS IT'S VITAL- EVEN IF YOU'RE A STRONG SWIMMER. THAT'S BECAUSE IF AN ACCIDENT CAUSES YOU TO LOSE CONSCIOUSNESS- A PROPERLY FITTING LIFE JACKET WILL KEEP YOUR HEAD ABOVE WATER UNTIL HELP CAN ARRIVE.

{**TAKE SOT**}

TRT: 19

DR. LAURA PETREY

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"Always wear a life jacket. That's the number one thing that's going to save somebody's life. If you lift your arms up over your head and someone can pull the life jacket off of you, then it's not fitting securely enough."

{**ON CAM**}

PETREY ALSO SAYS SHE COMMONLY SEES INJURIES FROM SWIMMERS BEING TOO CLOSE TO PROPELLERS... AND CAUTIONS THOSE IN CHARGE OF A MOTORIZED BOAT TO MAKE SURE ALL SWIMMERS ARE CLEAR OF THE ENGINE BEFORE STARTING IT.