

What We Know

There are two things we can say with certainty in today's world: Accidents happen, and advancements in technology aim to make our lives easier. This is undoubtedly how waterproof cell phone cases came to be. As we, as a whole, have become increasingly socially connected, we have understandably found difficulty in separating ourselves from our favorite technological devices. In fact, some of us find it trying to even put our phones down when utilizing the bathroom. That's okay. Manufacturers have learned this about us and have opted to accommodate our newly advanced, always-interpersonally-connected lives by creating the most protective gear to keep our digital devices safe from harm, even when they casually slip out of our hands. Even the term "waterproof" has been replaced with "lifeproof" as newer cell phone cases aim to take toilet and pool incidents a step further by keeping your phone safe from the rest of your active, often destructive, life.

Why It's a Good Idea

The benefits of investing in a waterproof or lifeproof case for your mobile device are endless. It's no secret that the best technology is costly, and every effort should be made to protect your initial investment. Some may believe that this is why cell phone insurance exists, but most people fail to notice the fine print in their cell phone contracts that probably addresses the company's policy of charging an astronomical fee to replace devices that have specifically incurred water damage, regardless of the insurance paid on a regular basis. Some may even charge the full cost of the phone as was originally charged. Once this information comes to light, it helps to know that, for the price paid, some waterproof case companies even offer warranties to further ensure the proposed safety surrounding their product. Repair shops currently admit that devices dropped into toilets has become the number one reason for cell phone replacement. Human error is common and nearly expected... we shouldn't be punished for experiencing such by repaying what we already have.

What's Working Against It

Like most options in life, there are a few cons associated with trusting and purchasing a waterproof case, or any advanced case for that matter. For starters, some may be "bulkier" and less attractive than the slimmest, lightest cell phone you purchased. Some even come with their own fine print (i.e. the case comes with its own battery, which is initially a pro, but a definite con when it reaches its maximum amount of charges, and both the battery AND the case require replacement). There is also the initial investment for the case itself.

Why We Should Still Trust It

At the end of the day, do the pros outweigh the cons? Yes. Even the bulkiest case won't set you back to a Zack Morris-like phone. Perhaps answering the question of whether or not you should trust a waterproof case should be based on how much you trust yourself and anyone or anything else that may

come in contact with your device. The result is simple. While we wouldn't intentionally go throwing our phones into the water to test it, the cases' warranties and claims are enough to trust the product's effectiveness in protecting our fragile social connectivity and technological investments in this seemingly destructive world.