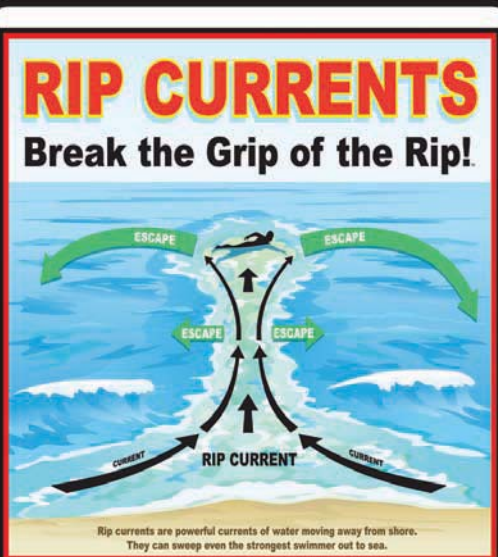


Beach Safety

Tragic water accidents happen quickly. The most common reason for aquatic mishaps is a lack of safety knowledge.

To keep you and your family safe, follow these simple safety tips:

- Learn to swim.
- Swim near a lifeguard.
- Never swim alone.
- Supervise children closely, even when lifeguards are present.
- Don't rely on flotation devices, such as rafts, you may lose them in the water.
- Alcohol and swimming don't mix.
- Protect your head, neck, and spine -- don't dive into unfamiliar waters -- feet first, first time!
- If you are in trouble, call or wave for help.
- Follow regulations and lifeguard directions.
- Scuba dive only if trained and certified, and within the limits of your training.
- No glass containers at the beach. Broken glass and bare feet don't mix.
- No beach fires- fire residue and superheated sand can severely burn bare feet.
- Report hazardous conditions to lifeguards or other beach management personnel.



RIP CURRENTS
Break the Grip of the Rip!

ESCAPE ESCAPE
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CURRENT RIP CURRENT CURRENT

Rip currents are powerful currents of water moving away from shore. They can sweep even the strongest swimmer out to sea.


IF CAUGHT IN A RIP CURRENT

- ◆ Don't fight the current
- ◆ Swim out of the current, then to shore
- ◆ If you can't escape, float or tread water
- ◆ If you need help, call or wave for assistance

SAFETY

- ◆ Know how to swim
- ◆ Never swim alone
- ◆ If in doubt, don't go out

More information about rip currents can be found at the following web sites:
www.ripcurrents.noaa.gov
www.usla.org



BEACH WARNING FLAGS
BANDERAS DE ADVERTENCIA EN LA PLAYA

-  **Water Closed to Public**
Agua Cerrada al Público
-  **High Hazard**
High Surf and/or Strong Currents
Peligro Alto, Resaca Alta y/o Corrientes Fuertes
-  **Medium Hazard**
Moderate Surf and/or Currents
Peligro Medio, Resaca Moderada y/o Corrientes Fuertes
-  **Low Hazard**
Calm Conditions, Exercise Caution
Peligro Bajo, Condiciones Calmas, Tenga Cuidado
-  **Dangerous Marine Life**
Vida Marina Peligrosa

Absence of Flags Does Not Assure Safe Waters
La Ausencia de Banderas No Asegura Aguas Seguras