

Be Aware Of

Rip Currents



What They Are • The Dangers • How to Escape



Florida's Beach Warning Flag Program

In 2005, Florida enacted a beach flag warning system to provide daily information about the presence of rip currents at public beaches. It is important to monitor the beach flag system when you head to the beach to swim! Rip currents may be present in the water, but you may not be able to tell just by looking at the water.

Stay Safe, Know The Flags



Yellow Flags: Be Aware and Cautious

Yellow flags mean some rip current activity is expected. You should be cautious if entering the water, don't swim alone, and know what to do if caught in a rip current.



Red Flags: Strong and Frequent Rips

Red flags mean dangerous rip current activity is expected. The rip currents would be likely to be stronger and more frequent. It's recommended to stay out of the water.



Double Red Flags: Water Closed

You could be arrested or fined for entering the water.

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, Tenge Cuidado
- Dangerous Marine Life**
Vida Marina Peligrosa

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

Informational signs like this are posted at public beaches along with the warning flags.



More Information

- ripcurrents.noaa.gov
- www.usla.org/ripcurrents

Never swim alone - Nunca nade solo

Obey The Flags!

They are there so you can enjoy a safe time at the beach.



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