

FACT SHEET 3

SAFETY SIGNS



TAKING NOTICE OF RELEVANT SIGNAGE IS AN IMPORTANT WAY OF MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR TIME AT THE BEACH.

Here are some examples of the types of signs you may see, and what they mean.

BEFORE YOU GET TO THE BEACH:

If you are a visitor or are unfamiliar with the area, you should always look for these types of signs, as they will direct you to patrolled beaches and inform you of local hazards.

- Road or car park signs
- Access signs



You should never swim at an unpatrolled beach – if in doubt about the nearest patrolled beach, check with the local tourism or visitors centre.

REMEMBER, LOOK AT THE SAFETY SIGNAGE BEFORE YOU ENTER THE WATER – IF IN DOUBT, ASK THE NEAREST SURF LIFESAVER OR LIFEGUARD.

For more information on any other matter relating to aquatic safety, contact:

Surf Life Saving Australia
02.9300.4000 or
slsa.com.au

Surf Life Saving NSW
(02) 9984 7188 or
surflifesaving.com.au

Surf Life Saving QLD
(07) 3846 8000 or
lifesaving.com.au

Life Saving Victoria
(03) 9676 6900 or
lifesavingvictoria.com.au

Surf Life Saving SA
(08) 8354 6900 or
surfrescue.com.au

Surf Life Saving WA
(08) 9243 9444 or
mybeach.com.au

Surf Life Saving TAS
(03) 6223 5555 or
slst.asn.au

Surf Life Saving NT
(08) 8985 6588 or
lifesavingnt.com.au

Or contact your local surf life saving club.



WHEN YOU GET TO THE BEACH

There are a number of different types of signs you may see when you get to the beach.

ADVISORY WARNING SIGNS



Sharks



Stingers



Crocodiles



Unexpected large waves



Strong currents



Submerged objects



Shore dump

REGULATION SYMBOLS



Bodyboards prohibited



Surfcraft prohibited



No swimming – this is sometimes also signified by a red flag

INFORMATION SYMBOLS



Patrolled beach



Surfboard riding (also signified by a blue flag)