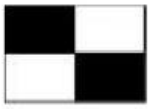
Beach Safety

RED & YELLOW: Lifesavers are there

RED: Beach is closed, do not enter the water



BLACK& WHITE: No board riding or surfing

YELLOW: Dangers in the water

Beach safety signs

WARNING: Large waves

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REGULATORY No swimming

INFORMATION: Patrolled beach

SAFETY: First aid

A shark kills about one person each year but each year about 87 people drown at the beach. So always

- swim between red and yellow flags,
- obey safety signs,
- swim with a friend,
- put up your hand, stay calm and call for help if you are in trouble.

Lifeguards and lifesavers watch people in the water but children need parent/adult supervision all the time when visiting the beach or when they are near any water. You should:

- Keep them near you at all times.
- Put them in bright swimming suits that are easy to see.

- Identify an easy to find point on the beach, for example, the lifeguard tower, where the child can go to if you are separated.

1. What do these flags/signs mean?

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2. What should you do at the beach if you are in trouble?

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3. What are 3 things you should do if you take children to the beach?

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