

# FLAGS



## Surf lifesavers

and lifeguards use flags to indicate  
the safest swimming areas for the beach going public.

## FLAGS USED ON OUR BEACHES

### RED AND YELLOW FLAGS

Indicates the safest swimming area (the patrolled area).

### YELLOW FLAG

Potentially dangerous conditions (Caution).

### RED FLAG

Danger - do not enter water (Stop).  
When the red flag is displayed, the beach is closed for swimming.

### RED AND WHITE CHEQUERED FLAG

Shark has been sighted in the water.

### BLUE FLAG

Indicates board riding area for surfers.

## TO STAY SAFE, REMEMBER THE 'FLAGS'

### F Find the flags and swim between them

The red and yellow flags represent the area patrolled by lifesavers and lifeguards. They mark the safest place to swim at the beach.

### L Look at the safety signs

The safety signs help you identify potential dangers and daily conditions at the beach. These are located at beach access points and at the flagged areas. Please read them carefully before entering the water.

### A Ask a lifesaver for some good advice

Surf conditions can change quickly (water depth, currents, wave size and type). Talk to a lifesaver or lifeguard before entering the water.

### G Get a friend to swim with you

Always swim with a friend so you can look out for each other's safety and get help if needed. Children should always be supervised by an adult.

### S Stick your hand up for help

If you get into trouble in the water, stay calm. Raise your arm to signal for help, float and wait for assistance. Float with a current or rip. Don't try and swim against it.

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For further information please contact  
Surf Life Saving Queensland on (07) 3846 8000

