

KING TIDES



King tides can create dangerous and unstable conditions, so it is important that beach goers consider their safety when these occur. Surf Life Saving warns beach goers to swim only between the flags when king tide conditions are present.

WHAT ARE KING TIDES?

- The king tides are causing large movements of water and generally adding to the unstable conditions. There is also large surf and dangerous rips present on all open stretches of beach.
- Areas most dangerous during these conditions are beaches affected by river systems, such as Maroochydore, Caloundra, Noosa, Tallebudgera, and Currumbin.
- Beaches that do not have river mouths close by remain unstable when the large swell pushes through, causing large flash rips to appear on the beaches.
- Rips are intensified in the outgoing tide, and with the influence of the king tides, rips are more severe.

SAFETY WARNING

- It is vital that people do not become complacent in the surf during king tide conditions.
- During king tides it is so important for people to swim only in patrolled areas, and not be tempted to go for a swim at an unpatrolled beach.
- With the king tides present, it is also important to show extreme caution at beaches that have river mouths nearby. It only takes a few seconds for a current to sweep a swimmer into deeper water and get into trouble.
- If swimmers do get into trouble in a current, they should remain calm, float out with the current, and then swim across the current parallel to shore, before swimming back to the beach. They should also raise one arm to signal for help from a lifesaver or lifeguard on patrol.

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



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IF WE CAN'T SEE YOU, WE CAN'T SAVE YOU
PLEASE SWIM BETWEEN THE FLAGS

Stick your hand up for help.

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Get a friend to swim with you.

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Ask a lifesaver for some good advice.

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Look at the safety signs.

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Find the flags and swim between them.

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