

# LARGE SURF



When large surf pounds the coastline, Surf Life Saving will generally send out a warning asking beach goers to ensure they stay only in patrolled swimming areas.

## TIPS FOR LARGE SURF CONDITIONS

- Always swim between the red and yellow flags.
- If the red flag is displayed, the beach is closed for swimmers.
- Swimmers should avoid creek and river mouths as currents are often stronger when large surf is running.
- Only experienced board riders should go out in these conditions.
- Surfers should always surf with a partner.

## SAFETY WARNING

- When the surf increases it is a timely reminder for people to continue to keep their safety in mind.
- When very large surf pounds the coast it is vital that anyone heading to the coast remembers to swim only in patrolled areas.
- It is so important that people heed this safety warning, and if beaches are closed to stay out of the water and listen to the advice of the surf lifesavers and lifeguards. If the beaches are closed, a red flag will fly and lifesavers will remain on the beach to encourage people to stay out of the water.
- When the surf increases, particularly when cyclone activity is present off Australia, board riders are also very keen to enjoy the conditions.
- Board riders of course cannot go in patrolled areas, so we urge only experienced riders to take on the surf and always stay with a friend and near a patrolled location.
- When the surf conditions are dangerous, it is also important that people stay away from river mouths and estuaries where strong currents can be present.

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



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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