

LOST CHILDREN

at the BEACH



FACTSHEET No. 10

Please swim only in patrolled areas and encourage children to never swim alone.

Surf lifesavers are there to help you and your children stay safer on our beaches.

PREVENTION

- Supervision of children is vital and the best form of supervision at the beach is to actively interact with your children.
- Bright lycra style swimming suits make good sun sense and are easy to see.
- Identify an easy to find point on the beach that the child can go to if you become separated (eg. the lifesavers tower).

IF SEPARATED

- Do not panic, hundreds of children are reported lost every year, usually they are found walking along the beach.
- Quickly check the immediate area then notify the duty lifesavers/lifeguards on duty.
- If no lifesavers are on duty then the police can be contacted.
- The lifesavers/lifeguards will need some information from you, such as:
 - A description (i.e. age, clothing, name, hair colour)
 - The time the child was last seen (this helps determine how far the child may have gone)
 - Any medical problems the child may have.
- Most children are usually found very quickly, however, sometimes a wider search is needed, this may include:
 - The car
 - The home/unit
 - Surrounding parklands/playgrounds
 - A further expanse of beach (children have been known to walk some distance)
- Stay calm and assist the lifesavers/lifeguards or Police as requested, they will be doing everything they can to help you.

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.

S

Get a friend to swim with you.

G

Ask a lifesaver for some good advice.

A

Look at the safety signs.

L

Find the flags and swim between them.

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