



Emerald Isle Police Department
BEACH RULES AND REGULATIONS &
COMMONLY VIOLATED TOWN
ORDINANCES:



1. STAY OFF THE SAND DUNES!
2. Public nudity is PROHIBITED.
3. Dogs are required to be on a leash AT ALL TIMES, even when in the water.
4. The collection and disposal of pet feces is MANDATORY.
5. Burying pet feces in the sand is PROHIBITED.
6. Camping on the beach is PROHIBITED.
7. Burning and cooking fires are PROHIBITED.
8. If you dig a hole, it MUST be filled in prior to departing the beach.
9. Fireworks that fly, spin or explode are illegal in North Carolina and PROHIBITED.
10. Spirituous liquor or fortified wine on the beach strand is PROHIBITED.
11. Littering is PROHIBITED.
12. Jumping from the pier is PROHIBITED.
13. Leaving beach equipment unattended overnight is PROHIBITED.

Violation of these ordinances can carry a penalty involving fines ranging between \$50 and \$500, mandatory court appearances or arrest.



Warning Flag System



YELLOW FLAGS indicate moderate hazards and that some rip current activity is expected. You should use caution if entering the water.



RED FLAGS indicate dangerous rip current activity is expected and rip currents are likely to be stronger and more frequent. It is recommended that you stay out of the water.



DOUBLE RED FLAGS indicate the ocean is closed for swimming and you can be fined or arrested for entering the water.



PURPLE FLAGS indicate an abundance of potentially hazardous marine life in the vicinity, including Portuguese man-o-war, jellyfish, and other creatures.

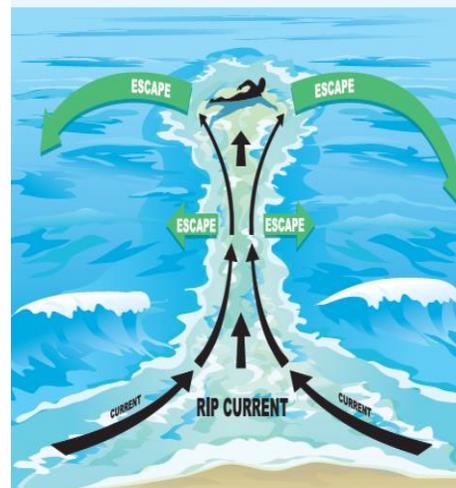
Stay informed Download the Emerald Isle App



The "Emerald Isle App" can be downloaded for free at The App Store (Apple devices) and at Google Play (Android devices). The app is designed to make it easy for our residents and visitors to check current beach conditions and flag warnings, learn what the flags mean, locate the terrific local businesses in Emerald Isle, find out where to stay, eat, shop, things to do, special events, locate beach/sound access points and town parks. You can also sign up to receive text alerts from the town:

<https://www.emeraldise-nc.org/email-text-notifications>

RIP CURRENTS Break the Grip of the Rip!



Rip currents are powerful currents of water moving away from shore. They can sweep even the strongest swimmer out to sea.

Rip Current Safety

1. Know how to swim.
2. **NEVER** swim alone.
3. If in doubt, Don't go out!

If you are caught in a rip current.

1. **DO NOT Panic!** Remaining calm is your best chance for survival.
2. **Relax and swim parallel to the shoreline.** Rip currents don't take you under, they take you out. But most are only about 50 meters wide, so if you swim parallel to the shoreline, you will eventually swim out of the rip current and you can then swim back to shore.
3. **Don't exhaust yourself!** If you feel yourself getting tired, **float** on your back or tread water, then wave and yell for help.

**REMAINING CALM IS THE KEY
WHEN CAUGHT IN A RIP!**

