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High Rip Current Risk — East-Facing Reefs

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Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense (GHS/OCD), in coordination with the National Weather Service (NWS) in Tiyan, is advising the public of a High Rip Current Risk in effect for the east-facing reefs of Guam until 5 PM ChST this afternoon.

NWS reports buoy data indicating seas capable of producing surf up to 11 ft along east-facing reefs. Dangerous rip currents can occur with surf of these heights throughout the remainder of today.

Current Status

- High Rip Current Risk in effect until 5 PM ChST today
- Hazard area: east-facing reefs of Guam
- Surf up to 11 ft along east-facing reefs

What to Expect

- Life-threatening rip currents capable of sweeping even strong swimmers away from shore into deeper water

What You Should Do Now

- Stay out of the water along east-facing reefs and heed lifeguard guidance and posted warning signs
- If caught in a rip current, relax and float; do not swim against the current
- Swim in a direction following the shoreline to escape the current
- If unable to escape, face the shore and call or wave for help

GHS/OCD will continue to monitor conditions in coordination with the NWS in Tiyan and provide updates as conditions warrant.

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