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Avoid Dangerous Rip Currents; NWS Advisories in Effect

The National Weather Service (NWS), Weather Forecast Office Guam advised surf remains large enough along west and north facing reefs to maintain a high risk of rip currents. The following advisories remain in effect:

A **high surf advisory** is in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan until 6 p.m. this evening. Hazardous surf at 7 to 9 feet along west and north facing reefs is expected through this afternoon. Surf is expected to fall below hazardous levels by this evening. Avoid venturing out near reef lines facing north and west. Large breaking waves can knock you down and cause serious injury.

A **high risk of rip currents** is in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan through this afternoon. Rip currents are powerful channels of water flowing quickly away from shore.

Rip currents can sweep even the best swimmers away from shore into deeper water. Inexperienced swimmers should not enter the water. Never swim alone. If caught in a rip current, remain calm. Swim out of a rip current by swimming parallel to shore then back toward the beach when possible. Do not attempt to swim directly against a rip current. Rip currents will be life threatening.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) remind the community to avoid west and north reefs and beaches until hazardous conditions subside. Heed the advice of lifeguards, beach patrol flags, and signs.

Visit the following links for the latest information:

- NWS Website: <https://www.weather.gov/gum/>
- NWS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/>
- GHS/OCD Website: <https://ghs.guam.gov/>
- GHS/OCD Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GHSOCD/>

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