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### **Hazardous Seas Expected by Tuesday Morning; Inexperienced Swimmers Should Remain Out of the Water**

The National Weather Service (NWS), Weather Forecast Office Guam has the following advisories in effect:

A **high surf advisory** will be in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan from 6 a.m. Tuesday to 6 a.m. Wednesday. Large breaking waves of 7 to 9 feet are expected for west facing reefs for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan.

A **high risk of rip currents** will be in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan from 6 a.m. Tuesday to 6 a.m. Wednesday. Dangerous swimming and surfing conditions and localized beach erosion are expected. Inexperienced swimmers should remain out of the water. If caught in a rip current, relax and float. Do not swim against the current. If unable to escape, face the shore and call or wave for help. Large breaking waves can knock people down and cause serious injuries. Strong rip currents can drag people out to sea.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) advise residents and visitors to avoid hazardous seas. Heed the advice of lifeguards, beach patrol flags, and signs.

Visit the following links for the latest advisory 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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