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### High Surf Advisory and High Risk of Rip Currents in Effect

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

A **high surf advisory** remains in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan from 6 a.m. Wednesday to 6 a.m. Thursday along north facing reefs. Large breaking waves of 7 to 9 feet, dangerous swimming and surfing conditions, and localized beach erosion are expected.

A **high risk of rip currents** will be in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan from Wednesday morning through late Wednesday night along north and east facing reefs. Rip currents can sweep even the best swimmers away from the shore into deeper water. Inexperienced swimmers should remain out of the water due to dangerous conditions. If caught in a rip current, do not swim against the current. Swim in a direction following the shoreline, face the shore and call or wave for help.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) remind the community to avoid hazardous surf. 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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