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NWS Issues Rip Current Statement; Avoid Hazardous Waters

The National Weather Service (NWS), Weather Forecast Office Guam issued a **rip current statement** for Guam.

A **high rip current risk** remains in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan on east facing reefs of the Mariana Islands until Monday night.

Rip currents can sweep even the best swimmers away from shore into deeper water. Inexperienced swimmers should not enter the water. Never swim alone. Swim near a lifeguard. If you are caught in a rip current, relax and float. Don't swim against the current. Swim in a direction following the shoreline. If unable to escape, 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 east facing reefs and beaches until hazardous conditions subside. Heed the advice of lifeguards, beach patrol flags, and signs. Rip currents are life threatening.

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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