

Esperance. In your element.

Coastal Safety

Esperance is a popular tourism destination, with many visiting to experience the vast coastline. Please ensure you are aware of the local risks & advocate safe behaviours while exploring the region.

Here's what you can do to remain safe and aware

KNOW THE LOCAL HAZARDS

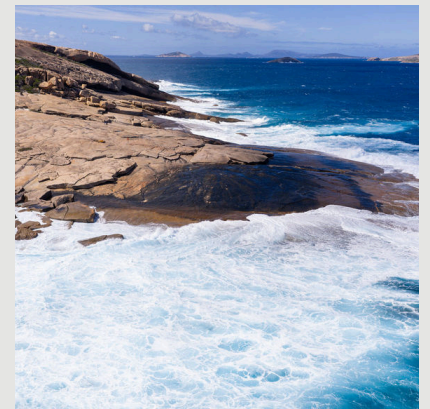


Stay off the Black rocks: A black algae grows on coastal rocks along the southeast coast and is very slippery when wet. Stay back from these black rocks near the high tide mark and avoid walking on them at all times. *If you see someone walking along the black rocks, say something, it just may save their life.*



Beware of big swell and king waves

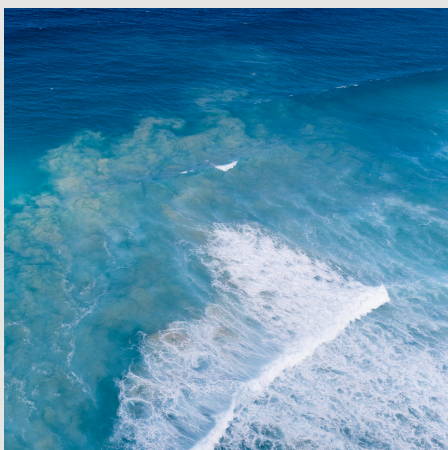
Large waves can occur at any time, with no warning. Never turn your back to the ocean. If you get washed off the rocks, stay calm and swim away from the hazard.



Avoid rips and undertows: Rips can be difficult to see but can be identified in the following ways: Look out for deeper, dark-coloured water, fewer breaking waves, and or a rippled surface surrounded by smooth waters.

Rips don't always show all of these signs at once.

How to escape a rip: You can escape a rip by knowing your options: Stay calm, raise an arm to seek help, float with the current until it releases you, swim parallel to the shore or towards breaking waves so you can use them to help you back to the shore.



DOWNLOAD SHARKSMART WA

The SharkSmart WA app combines shark activity information, beach safety features such as Surf Life Saving WA patrolled beaches and weather forecast, to help you plan your trip to the beach.



ALWAYS HAVE A PLAN



Take note of all beach signage: Green and red 'BEN' signage is found at access points to the beach and contains a unique, identifiable number to help pinpoint your position in an emergency.



Always carry a mobile phone with you.

Phone 000 in an emergency and quote your 'BEN' signage number to the operator.

Take time to read all other safety signage located at the entrance to the beach and follow the advice given. *It can save lives.*

CARRY THE RIGHT GEAR WITH YOU



Always wear a life jacket.

If you don't have one, you can borrow one for free from a few locations in and around Esperance:

Tackle & Tails (Norseman Road), Southern Sports & Tackle (Boulevard Shopping Centre), Down to Earth – Adventure & Camping (Dempster Street), Esperance Diving & Fishing (The Esplanade), Orleans Bay Caravan Park (Wharton Rd, Condingup).



Rock fishing: Always tie off on rock bolts. Rope can also be obtained free of charge from the above fishing outlets.

Enjoy responsibly,
return home safely

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