

## Respect Comes Naturally

Currituck's Outer Banks is known for having some of the most secluded, pristine, family-friendly and safe beaches on the East Coast. This is made possible because visitors and residents alike cherish and respect this remarkable, unspoiled locale.

Please join us in our pledge and do your part to respect this unique land, and keep our coastline safe, clean and fun. We want you to enjoy your vacation, and together, with mutual respect for this land and all its natural wonder, we can ensure it remains just as unspoiled for years to come.

For complete beach safety tips and rules, visit [www.visitcurrituck.com/beachsafety](http://www.visitcurrituck.com/beachsafety)



### Visitor Center

500 Hunt Club Drive, Corolla, NC • 252-453-9612  
(Ocean Club Centre, 3 miles south of the TimBuck II Shopping Center)

### Welcome Center

106 Caratoke Highway, Moyock, NC • 252-435-2947  
(At the North Carolina/Virginia State Line)



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## Currituck OBX BEACH SAFETY Rules & Guidelines



  
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## What Should I Do If...

**I get caught in a rip current?** Stay calm and try not to panic. Don't try to swim directly to shore; swim out of the current in a direction parallel to the shoreline, and slowly work your way back to the beach at an angle.

**I get stung by a jelly fish?** A normal reaction to a jelly fish sting is red welts and sometimes itching or stinging. Usually, the best thing to do is apply heat and/or ammonia to break down the proteins in the venom. If you experience difficulty breathing, contact a lifeguard or call 9-1-1 immediately.

**I see red flags flying?** Swimming is prohibited when red flags are posted. Red flags on the beach indicate that ocean conditions are considered unsafe and the risk is too high for the average swimmer.

*(Note: A surfer may enter the water if he/she is attached by leash to a fiberglass surfboard of at least 5 feet in length that has at least one fin. Please be aware that most rental surfboards are not made of fiberglass and, therefore, do not meet this exception.)*

**I get caught in a backwash current?** To escape this current, swim straight toward shore if you are a strong swimmer. If you are not a strong swimmer, do not panic; wait and float until the current stops, then swim in.

## S.E.A.L. Program

The S.E.A.L. (Safety Education and Aquatic Learning for kids) Program is designed for children ages 6-12. Instructors from Corolla Lifesaving Association teach children about the ocean, first aid, and physical fitness. Adults are invited to attend a free 15-minute parent/guardian seminar offered at the same time.

Visit [www.corollalifesaving.org](http://www.corollalifesaving.org) or e-mail [info@corollalifesaving.org](mailto:info@corollalifesaving.org) for more information. Pre-registration is required, and children should wear sunscreen and a bathing suit to participate.

## Beach Safety Tips, Rules & Regulations

- When red flags are flying, swimming is prohibited.
- Fireworks and bonfires are illegal in all areas of Corolla. Self-contained fire pits with covers are allowed on the beach, but must be removed every evening and leave no debris on the beach.
- Help keep our beaches clean by removing all trash from the beach before you leave.
- Unattended items (canopies, umbrellas, nets, poles, grills, etc.) should not be left on the beach strand overnight and should not obstruct traffic or pedestrian movement during the day. Unattended items left on the beach will be tagged as a reminder to remove them each day by sunset. Any tagged items left on the beach after sunset will then be removed in order to ensure the safety of our beach visitors. Unattended items that have been removed will not be returned (Currituck County Code of Ordinances: Section 10 - 128). Contact: 252-232-2075.
- All surfers must be tethered to their boards.
- Before choosing your spot on the beach, check to make sure you will not hinder the performance of lifeguards during an emergency. Maintain a clear path along the dune-line for patrol units and in front of the stationary lifeguard stands.
- Please refill any holes you dig on the beach. Open holes are a safety concern for vehicles and people.
- Please stay clear of dunes. The dunes protect homes from flooding during a storm surge and are home to nesting turtles and vegetation specific to the area.
- All dogs on the beach must be controlled by a leash or other like-device.

- Make sure you and your children know the address of where you are staying, including the house name.
- Jet skis are not allowed to be launched on the ocean or from any ocean beach location in Currituck. Riding and launching a jet ski is permitted in the Currituck Sound.

## Water Sense

- Never swim alone or at night. Swim in areas with on-duty lifeguards.
- Observe the surf before going in the water; look for potentially dangerous currents.
- Non-swimmers should stay out of the water and wear life jackets if they are going to be near the water.
- Keep non-swimming children well above the marks of the highest waves.
- Keep an eye on children at all times; teach them never to turn their backs on the waves while they play at water's edge.
- Do not swim near anglers or deployed fishing lines.
- Watch out for surfers and give them plenty of room.

**In An Emergency:** Call 9-1-1

## More Safety Information:

Pine Island Station  
470 Ocean Trail (Rte. 12)  
Corolla, NC 27927

Whalehead Station  
827 Whalehead Drive  
Corolla, NC 27927

[CorollaFireAndRescue.com](http://CorollaFireAndRescue.com)

