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Beachgoers’ ability to identify rip currents at a beach in situ

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## BEACH SAFETY SURVEY

*Please tick the appropriate box & provide additional information where needed. Most questions are about your beach experiences in general (i.e not about the beach you are visiting today)*

### A BIT ABOUT YOU...

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<th>Are you:</th>
<th>If no, where are you from?</th>
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### Are you:

- □ Māori
- □ New Zealand European
- □ Samoan
- □ Cook Islander
- □ Tongan
- □ Niuean
- □ Chinese
- □ Indian
- □ Other (please state):

### Do you live in New Zealand?

- □ Yes
- □ No

### SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR TIME AT THE BEACH...

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<th>Is this your local beach?</th>
<th>How long have you been visiting the beach this often?</th>
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### When you visit the beach, do you (tick all that apply):

- □ Stay in depths of water where you can still stand up
- □ Go into water depths greater than your height
- □ Swim
- □ Surf
- □ Other (please state):

### How often do you visit beaches in the Summer?

- □ Daily
- □ 2–3 times a week
- □ Once a week
- □ Once a month
- □ Infrequently

### How far (in metres) could you swim in a pool without stopping?

- □ Less than 25
- □ 25–50
- □ 51–100
- □ 101–200
- □ More than 200

### How old are you?

- □ 0–10 yrs
- □ 10–19 yrs
- □ 20–29 yrs
- □ 30–39 yrs
- □ 40–49 yrs
- □ 50–59 yrs
- □ 60–69 yrs
- □ 70+ yrs

### Can you swim?

- □ Yes
- □ No

### If yes, rate your swimming ability:

- □ Poor
- □ Good
- □ Fair
- □ Very good
How do you feel about swimming that same distance at the beach?

- Very anxious
- Anxious
- Confident
- Very confident
- Unsure

When was the last time you swam that distance?

- This week
- This month
- This year
- More than a year ago
- Unsure

Can you float effectively on your front and back?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

Can you swim effectively on your front and back?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

Can you tread water for more than 2 minutes?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

**BEACH HAZARDS**

What do the red/yellow flags mean on a New Zealand beach?

- Area patrolled by lifeguards
- Dangerous area of beach
- For surfers only
- Unsure

When would you swim outside the patrolled area?

- Never
- If the patrolled area is too busy
- Anytime
- If I want to swim long distances
- Other (please specify):

How do you choose a safe area to swim at the beach?

What hazards have you personally experienced at the beach?

- __________________________
- __________________________
- __________________________
- __________________________

Rip currents are a common hazard at the beach for swimmers. What do you think makes a rip current dangerous?

- __________________________
- __________________________
- __________________________
- __________________________

How confident would you feel about coping with a rip current?

- Very anxious
- Anxious
- Confident
- Very confident
- Unsure

Have you ever been caught in a rip current?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure
Do you know what to do if you find yourself accidentally caught in a rip current?

☐ Yes  ☐ No  ☐ Unsure

If yes, what action(s) would you take?

________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

Could you spot a rip current?

☐ Yes  ☐ No  ☐ Unsure

If asked to identify a rip current on a beach, what would you look for?

________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

Put a mark anywhere you think you can see a rip current in the images below:

Have you had the opportunity to learn about rip currents before?

☐ Yes  ☐ No  ☐ Unsure

If yes, how did you learn about rip currents?

________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

Is there any other information you'd like to share about rip currents?

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________________________________________________________________________
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What ways might be best for helping people learn about rip currents? How would you have liked to learn about keeping beach safe and rip currents?

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Thank you for taking the time to fill out this survey. Please place your completed survey in the sealed envelope.

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