

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...

Are you:

- Male Female Gender diverse

Are you:

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

Do you live in New Zealand?

- Yes No

If *no*, where are you from?

If *yes*, how many years have you lived in New Zealand?

- All my life More than 10 years
 5-9 years Less than 5 years

How old are you?

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

SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR TIME AT THE BEACH...

Is this your local beach?

- Yes No

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 long have you been visiting the beach this often?

- Weeks Months
 Years Unsure

Can you swim?

- Yes No

If *yes*, rate your swimming ability:

- Poor Good
 Fair Very good

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

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

How do you feel about swimming that same distance at the beach?

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

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
- Other (please specify):

- Anytime
- If I want to swim long distances

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

What hazards can occur 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
- Unsure
- Confident
- Very confident

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?

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?

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