

# Beach Safety Tips at Myrtle Beach State Park

\*Horry County lifeguards protect the north section of Myrtle Beach State Park from mid May through mid September.

\*Know how to swim.

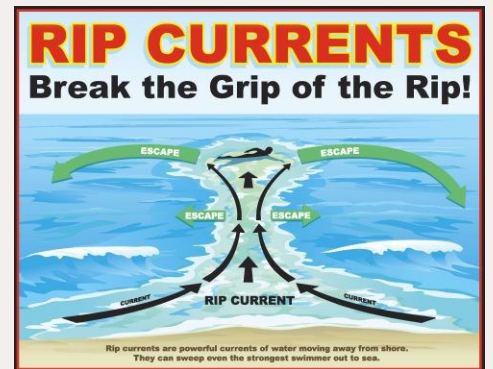
\*Never swim alone.

\*Never swim at night.



\*Stay at least 150 yards away from the pier—barnacles and other animals growing on the pier pilings can easily cut you!

\*Know how to escape a rip current. If you feel a current is taking you seaward, stay calm and swim parallel to the beach. You should swim out of the current and have an easier time swimming back to shore. Rip current signs are posted at every single boardwalk at Myrtle Beach State Park. Please take the time to review the sign with your friends and family before hitting the beach.



\*Get out of the water when bait fish are close to shore. Predators may be following. Signs of bait fish are dark patches of water and fish repeatedly jumping out of the water.



\*Get off the beach when lightning or if hear thunder.

\*Reapply sunscreen every few hours and even more if you are swimming. A bad sunburn can negatively affect your entire vacation!!