Beach Warning Flags

A poster of what beach warning flag colors usually mean, from double red to purple, with the reminder that flags vary by beach and no flag doesn't mean safe.

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Flag	Means
Double red	Water closed
Red	High hazard: big surf or strong currents
Yellow	Medium hazard
Green	Low hazard: still use caution
Purple	Dangerous marine life

Flags aren't used everywhere and can mean different things at different beaches. **Read the sign at the entrance. No flag doesn't mean safe.**

1 in 18 million

is the chance of drowning at a beach with lifeguards, says the U.S. Lifesaving Association, as quoted by the National Weather Service. Swim near a lifeguard.

Source: weather.gov https://www.weather.gov/safety/ripcurrent

What you can do today: learn your beach's flags in what each flag color means.

Sources

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