

DANGER! RIP CURRENTS

EACH YEAR PEOPLE GET INTO DIFFICULTY BECAUSE THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE BEACH DANGERS

A RIP IS A BODY OF WATER MOVING OUT TO SEA. TO ESCAPE FROM A RIP CURRENT:

■ SWIM ACROSS TO THE NEAREST BREAKING WAVES

IF IN TROUBLE:

- DON'T PANIC
- RAISE YOUR HAND TO ALERT LIFEGUARDS
- SWIM TO THE SIDE, DON'T SWIM AGAINST THE CURRENT

IDENTIFYING FEATURES OF A RIP

- 1 CALM PATCHES ON SURF WITH WAVES BREAKING EACH SIDE
 - 2 RIPPLED OR CRISS CROSS WATER
 - 3 DISCOLOURED WATER BECAUSE SAND IS STIRRED UP
 - 4 FOAMY WATER WITH DEBRIS
- ★ RIP CURRENTS ARE HARD TO SEE ON A WINDY DAY

