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EXPLORERS SEASHORE SAFARI SAFETY CODE

Prior to the field trip, ensure everyone is aware of the seashore safety code. This can be used to help prevent accidents as well as ensuring everyone knows what to do in the event of an emergency.

SEASHORE SAFARI SAFETY CODE – CHECKLIST

Make sure to visit and inspect the seashore prior to the school trip to ensure that it is a suitable beach for students to explore. Avoid muddy shores.

Keep everyone safe.

Ensure everyone knows who their supervisor is and where the children are on the shore at all times.

Ensure everyone knows what to do in the event of an emergency and where the meeting point is on the shore.

Ensure everyone is wearing safe and suitable clothing for the seashore.

Remember to keep an eye on the tide!

Avoid hazardous areas including steep rocky areas and patches of bright green seaweed such as gutweed. Also avoid streams where the depth of the water is not known.

Ensure everyone is aware of the warning signs on the beach.

Avoid cliff areas. Do not walk below cliff faces where there could potentially be rocks falling or areas collapsing.

Take it slowly. Avoid running and jumping over wet slippery rocks.

Tread carefully over seaweed, as it often covers uneven surfaces, hidden rock pools and holes.

Watch out for waves and especially rocks! Keep away from the edge of rocks that drop into deep parts of the ocean.

Watch out for hazardous waste and litter. If you find something that is dangerous, tell your teacher or supervisor. Contact the county or city council to ensure it is removed.

For further information see www.explorers.ie
Lesson Plan: Geography - Seashore Safety on the Seashore
and Conservation Code Posters



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EXPLORERS CONSERVATION CODE

The local seashore provides an excellent resource for learning about the local natural environment, environmental awareness and caring for the environment. Therefore, ensure everyone is aware of the seashore conservation code prior to going to the beach.

SEASHORE CONSERVATION CODE CHECKLIST

THE DO'S

- Take photographs home and leave sea creatures and plants where you find them.
- Always return animals back to where you found them – under seaweed, under a rock or in a rock pool.
- Always carefully replace overturned rocks and seaweeds as you found them – so the animals don't dry out.
- Report anything unusual washed up on the shore or beach.
- Bag it and bin it. Remember to always put your litter into a bin or take it with you.
- Do a good deed and always try and remove other people's litter from the seashore that has been left behind.

DO NOT

- Don't damage the animals or the habitats of where animals live.
- Avoid disturbing birds that are feeding as well as nesting birdlife on the shore.
- Avoid removing a lot of seaweed from rocks as it can take many years to grow.

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