

# The Surfer's Code

## DON'T DROP IN

The surfer on the 'inside', closest to the breaking part of the wave has right of way

## PADDLE WIDE

When paddling out, stay wide of the break, away from other surfers

## DON'T THROW YOUR BOARD

Whenever safely possible try to hang onto your board. Learn to 'duck-dive' to get under waves. If you must discard your board make sure no-one is behind you or nearby

## COMMUNICATE

When catching a wave let others near you know which way you're going



Respect everyone's right to enjoy the surf

**OBEY THE SIGNS  
AND ALWAYS SWIM  
BETWEEN THE RED  
AND YELLOW FLAGS**



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## Tips for Staying Safe in the Surf

**1** Check the Conditions. Choose your spot carefully. Obey all signs and flags. If you are unsure of surf conditions, ask a lifeguard.

**2** Check your gear. Board in good condition with safety leash or leg rope attached. Wetsuit, fins etc suitable for conditions. Slip, slop, slap.

**3** Never surf alone. Surf with a mate and always let others know where and how long you will be.

**4** Surf within your ability. Know your limits. Reassess conditions as they change. If you do get into trouble, raise your hand and call out for assistance.

**5** Follow the Surfer's Code. Respect everyone's right to enjoy the surf. Follow the code for a safe and enjoyable surf!