The Lifeguard Towers

Ocean Safety Officers are on duty everyday from 0800 – 1630 hours. As part of the island wide 911 Emergency system, all OSO are trained above and beyond USLA certifications and all are certified AHA First Responders. Each OSO is skilled in rescue techniques using equipment such as rescue boards, tubes and fins, jet skis, 4-w heel drive ATV's, and first aid supplies.



District #1 - North Shore

Responds the coastal area from Kahakaloa to Peahi (aka "Jaws"). 15 full-time Ocean Safety Officers are stationed within the 3 towers.

LG 8 - Kanaha Beach Park

Common Hazard Warnings: 2, 3 Located minutes from downtown Kahului, Kanaha is known for great surfing and wind surfing conditions, with scenic beach areas.

LG 7 - Baldwin Beach Park

Common Hazard Warnings: 1, 2, 3 Just w est of Paia town, a very popular beach w ith local families. Great for body boarding, kayaking, and surfing.

LG 6 - Ho'okipa Beach Park Common Hazard Warnings: 2, 3, 5, 6 Minutes east of Paia, Ho'okipa is world famous for high level experienced surfing and wind surfing.

Ocean Safety Tips

- Sw im in Lifeguarded areas.
- Never sw im alone.
- Do not dive into unknow n w ater or into shallow breaking w aves.
- Do not attempt to dive over large waves.
- Ask a Lifeguard about beach and surf safety before sw imming.
- If you are unable to sw im out of a strong current, signal for help.
- Rely on your sw imming ability rather than a flotation device.
- Look for, read, and obey all beach and safety signs
- If in doubt, don't go out!
- Protect the environment. Refrain from touching all reefs. Help keep the beaches clean and keep Haw aii beautiful.

Hazard Warning Signs

- 1. Dangerous Shore Break
- 2. Strong Current
- 3. High Surf
- 4. Shark Sighted
- 5. Sudden Drop Off
- 6. Waves Break on Ledge
- 7. Man-o-war
- 8. Jelly Fish
- 9. Sharp Coral
- 10. Slippery Rock

In emergency call 911 immediately

District #2 - South Side

Responds from La Perouse to the Scenic Point on the Pali. 15 full-time Ocean Safety Officers are stationed at 3 towers within a mile long area of beach in South Kihei.

LG 1 - Kamaole 1

LG 2 - Kamaole 2

LG 3 - Kamaole 3

Common Hazard Warnings: 1, 2, 3 These 3 beach parks are very popular with both locals and visitors. Each beach has great snorkeling; how ever, strong afternoon trade winds at all 3 Kamaole beaches are very common. In addition, each has its own unique characteristics:

- KAM 1 is a great all-round exercising beach, and location of the districts' Jet Ski.
- KAM2 is a peaceful family beach.
- KAM 3 features large open park areas perfect for BBQ's and gatherings.

District #3 - West Side

Responds to the coastal area from the Scenic Point on the Pali to Kahakaloa. 10 full-time Ocean Safety Officers are stationed within the 2 towers.

IG 4 - Hanakao'o Beach Park

Common Hazard Warnings: 1, 2, 3 AKA "Canoe Beach", north of Lahaina town and just south of Kaanapali Beach. Famous for hosting many championship outrigger canoe races.

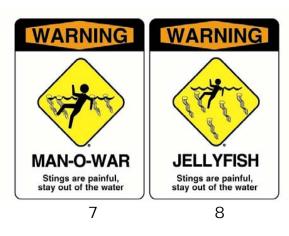
LG 5 - DT Fleming Beach Park

Common Hazard Warnings: 1, 2, 3 Just north of Kapalua, a very popular beach with local families and visitors. Great for body boarding, kayaking, and surfing.

Hazard Warning Signs:













WARNING WARNING SLIPPERY May cause serious injury IF IN DOUBT, KEEP OFF 9





808-270-6136 In emergency call 911 immediately

To contact Ocean Safety:

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Ocean Safety Mission Statement: To provide and encourage ocean safety through public education and ocean recreation. and to assist in emergencies along Maui coastal waters, thereby providing safer beaches for the people of Maui County and visitors who use Maui County Beach Parks.