

Signs, flags and Distress Signals

Safety Signs

Safety signs let us know where we can **get help**. They have a square **green** background with **white** writing or symbols.



This is a **first aid** sign. It shows us where to receive help if we get hurt.

Prohibition Signs

Prohibition signs let us know what we are **not allowed to do**. They are **white** enclosed by a **red** circle and diagonal **red** line through a **black** symbol.



This sign means **no diving** is allowed. We should not dive in an area that displays this sign.

Warning Signs

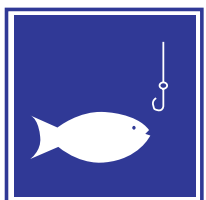
Warning signs let us know we should **be careful**. They are a diamond shape with a **yellow** background and a **black** outline with a **black** symbol.



This sign warns us **crocodiles** can be found in the water. It can be dangerous to swim.

Information Signs

Information signs tell us which are **suitable activities** in a waterway. They are a **blue** square sign with **white** writing or symbols.



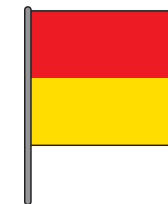
This sign near a waterway tells us that **fishing** is allowed.

Flags and Distress Signals

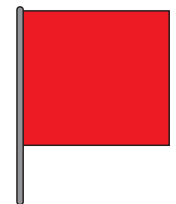
Different **flags** give us different information and can be found **on the beach** or **in the water**. **Distress signals** can be used to attract attention if you need help.



Diver Below



Swimming Between Flags Permitted



No Swimming Permitted



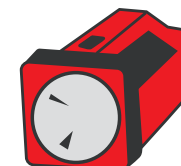
Raising and lowering arms



Orange smoke flare (use during the day)



Red smoke flare (use during the night)



Torch



Orange V Sheet



EPIRB (radio distress beacon)

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The Marine Safety Branch of the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment is responsible for marine safety and pollution regulation in the Northern Territory.

The aim is to ensure boating is safe and enjoyable. This is achieved through education, regulation and the sponsorship of facilities such as navigation aids.

For more information about boating safety in the Northern Territory, please contact the Marine Safety Branch
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