

Safety in the Sea

You must always be prepared in the sea. Pay attention to the weather and your physical condition.



Call 118 to report accidents in the sea.



5 safety points

• It looks easy, but it takes practice Learn how to use the snorkel. mask and fins.



2 Floating isn't easy

Wear a life jacket and wetsuit for more buoyancy.



3 The sea is beautiful, but hazardous

Swim in designated areas, check the weather and tides, and don't take risks.



Watch your physical Condition

If you're not in good condition, don't go in. No drinking alcohol. Accidents involving the middle-aged are increasing



5 Don't go alone

When you go in the sea, never go alone. Take a break after an hour.

You may not make it to shore if you're tired.

is dangerous



Accidents happen

Learn from an expert or a snorkeling instructor.

First, practice in a pool or shallow water where you can stand on your feet.



If you lower your chin, the Blow out hard to clear the Keep your chin up so the tip tip of the snorkel goes water from the snorkel. under and lets water in.



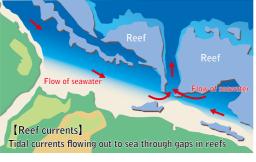


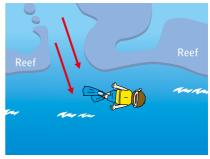
of the snorkel stays above the water.

Reef currents

What is a reef current?

It's a strong current that flows out between gaps in a reef. They often occur where a deep channel is formed between coastal reefs.





If you feel yourself being carried out to sea

- **1** Don't swim against the current. Swim parallel to the shore across the current.
- 2 When you get out of the reef current, aim for the nearest land.
- 3 It's best to avoid getting caught in reef currents at all.

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Diving

5 safety points

• Improve your dive skills

Learn the necessary diving skills, and always aim to improve them.



2 Take care of your health

If you have a chronic illness, take advice from your doctor first. Leave plenty of time after diving before getting on a plane.



3 Don't overdo it

If you aren't in the right physical or mental condition for diving on the day, have the courage to pass it up.

Get plenty of sleep, don't drink heavily the day before, and look after your physical condition.



4 Plan and discuss thoroughly

Besides checking dive time, depth, and gas pressure, thoroughly cover entry and exit methods, precautions at each point, hand signals, emergency procedures and so on.

If there's anything you don't understand, ask the dive staff.



6 Safe equipment

Using poorly maintained equipment is very dangerous.

Keep your equipment in perfect condition to enjoy safe diving.



Heatstroke and Ultraviolet Rays

Heatstroke 1

What is heatstroke?

Heatstroke is the general term for the condition where the balance of water and sodium in the body is lost in a hot environment and your body becomes unable to regulate its temperature. It can lead to death. But it can be prevented easily, and proper first aid can save the lives of heatstroke victims.



Onsite first aid

Move to a cool place Remove clothing Move to a cool place with shade and a breeze. or an air-conditioned room.



and cool off

Loosen clothing and apply ice or cold water to the neck, armpits, and

groin to cool the body.

3Consume fluids and salts

Drink cold water or sports drinks.(However, do not give fluids to a person who is not fully conscious.)

4Go to hospital

If the person is not fully conscious and can't take fluids by themselves, take them to hospital immediately.



Prevention



○Take frequent drinks



Limit time spent swimming in the sea when the sun is high.



OUse a hat or parasol



OStav out of the heat, wear open-necked clothing and so on.

• When playing sports or other activities that involve sweating consume plenty of fluids and salts.



OBe careful when tempereture rises rapidly.



OUse a fan indoors.

Ultraviolet ravs

Okinawa's ultraviolet ravs

The ultraviolet rays in Okinawa are stronger than in other regions.

Sunburn caused by ultraviolet rays causes fever, blistering and pain. Severe sunburn can require hospitalization. To avoid damaging your health, take precautions against ultraviolet rays.

Take the right precautions against ultraviolet for the time and place

Prevention

- ○Wear a hat
- OCover up with clothing
- OUse sunscreen appropriately
- ○Make use of shade
- OWear sunglasses



Beware of dangerous sea creatures

The beautiful coral reefs are home to many types of animal, and some of them are poisonous.

Learn how to avoid injury from these dangerous creatures. They won't hurt you if you avoid touching or provoking them unnecessarily.



Jellyfish net
Swim inside the jellyfish net.

**The jellyfish net may not
prevent all jellyfish from
getting through.

Box jellyfish

This jellyfish appears from May to October.

It can be found in water as shallow as 50 cm. Its sting is very painful and can cause shock.



First aid for box jellyfish stings

- 1 If you're stung, get out of the sea right away. Do NOT rub the affected area.
- 2 Pour plenty of vinegar on the affected area.
 - Winegar is only effective for box jellyfish stings.Do not use it for other jellyfish stings.
- **©** Gently remove the tentacles by hand.
- 4 If it hurts, apply ice or cold water.
- **X** If the victim stops breathing, perform artificial respiration and heart massage immediately.



- The setting of jellyfish-prevention nets shall be considered at the bathing beaches registered under the Ordinance.
 (Okinawa Prefecture Ordinance for the Prevention of Water-related Accidents and Protection of Swimmers)
- •The timing of installing jellyfish-prevention nets varies depending on the beach, and so some beaches may not have the nets yet.
 Visitors are recommended to directly confirm the state at the beach.

Other dangerous creatures of the sea

If you get injured, apply first aid and go to hospital. Don't judge your condition yourself.



Crown-of-thorns starfish



Sea urchin



Stonefish



Striped catfish eel



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First Aid

Remove any large, visible spines, and bathe in 40 to 45°C water. You can also put hot water in a plastic bag and apply it to the affected area. Be careful not to burn yourself.



Sea anemone(Phyllodiscus semoni) Sea anemone(Actineria villosa)

First Aid

Avoid rubbing the affected area. Wash off any stingers with seawater, then apply ice or cold water. DO NOT use vinegar. It may cause the stingers to trigger more.



Blue-banded sea snake



Geography Cone

First Aid

Squeeze out the poison and rush the victim to hospital.



Flower urchin

First Aid

Remove any large, visible spines, and bathe in 40 to 45°C water. You can also put hot water in a plastic bag and apply it to the affected area. Be careful not to burn yourself.



Portuguese Man O' War

First Aid

Wash off the tentacles with seawater and apply ice or cold water. DO NOT use vinegar.



Same kind as blue ringed octopus

First Aid

Don't suck out the poison. Squeeze it out and rush the victim to hospital.

poisonous snakes

Beware of Habu

Identification

The head of snakes in the habu family is covered in many small scales, while other kinds of snakes have larger scales. The pattern on the body

of the habu looks like the picture below.



Habu patterning

Hime habu There are black spots on the gray or brown body.

Habu facts

More active from April to November. it doesn't hibernate and is active most of the year. It is nocturnal and during the daytime it hides in walls, caves and thickets. It eats mainly mice. It is good at climbing trees and swimming. It doesn't jump.





Sakishima habu Black zigzag pattern on a brown background

What to do if you get bitten 🕮 First Aid

Keep calm and check if it was a habu.

Even if you can't identify the type of snake, the habu leaves two fang marks.

It may leave from one two four bite marks. Within five minutes the bitten area swells and becomes very painful.

If it will take time to get to hospital, loosely bind the affected part leaving enough space to insert a finger.

Bind the wounded part in the nearest location from the heart to reduce bleeding. Tight binding will stop blood circulation and make an adverse effect. Please be sure to unbind once every 15 minutes.

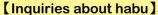
2 If you think it's a habu bite, call loudly for help and ask to be taken to hospital. If you run, the poison circulates faster, so go to hospital by car. If you must walk, go slowly.

Suck the blood and poison out of the wound.

If you have a scratch in your mouth, the poison my cause slight inflammation Even if you swallow the poison, it's broken down in the stomach and causes no



Fatal! Please see a doctor if you are bitten by a habu snake.



■ Pharmaceutical Affairs and Disease Control Division, Medical and Health Department, Okinawa Prefectural Government

Department of Biological Sciences, Institute of Health and Environment (Persons in charge of habu snakes)

*Inquiries in Japanese only

098-866-2215 098-946-6710

Preventing Infectious Disease

Infectious diseases particular to Okinawa Prefecture

■ Cases of leptospirosis have been reported. In the summer there are many opportunities to play in rivers, but it can occasionally result in Leptospira infection through the skin. If you have a sudden fever, headache, and aching muscles 5 to 14 days after going in a river, consult a doctor.



Beware of influenza

•In Okinawa, influenza spreads in the summer too. Wash your hands and gargle frequently.

Prevent secondary infection

An infected person can infect those around them.

- Fever, coughing, sneezing, vomiting, diarrhea etc.
- Consult a doctor promptly.

Block the transmission routes

- Recommend a mask to a person with a cough.
- Take care when cleaning up diarrhea or vomit.
- Norovirus gastroenteritis spreads through secondary infection.

Obtain information about the spread of infectious diseases.

- Okinawa Infectious Diseases Information Center
 http://www.idsc-okinawa.jp/
- Health Promotion Division,
 Okinawa Prefectural Government......TEL 098-866-2209
- ★ Consult the nearest public health center ★
- Hokubu Regional Public Health and Welfare Center (Hokubu, Iheya, Izena regions) ... TEL 0980-52-2714
- Chubu Regional Public Health and Welfare Center (Chubu region)TEL 098-938-9886
- Naha Public Health Center(Naha City)···TEL 098-853-7971
- Nambu Regional Public Health and Welfare Center (Urasoe City, Nambu region, outlying islands, Minami and Kita Daitojima regions)

TEL 098-889-6351

- Miyako Regional Public Health and Welfare Center (Miyako region)TEL 0980-72-2420

*Inquiries in Japanese only





Disaster Response

What to do in a Typhoon

Do not go outside, stay in your hotel: flying objects may hit you or you will be blown away.

Carefully watch the weather information before going out even when the storm is gone.

Keep away from glass windows when it is stormy.

Stay away from the beaches even after a typhoon passes through. Waves remain high.

Make sure the transportation is in operation before you go to the airport or station.

If your flight is cancelled;

If you have an individual ticket, directly contact the airline that you have booked with. If you are traveling in a group or on a package tour, consult your travel agent.

*Use the following sites to obtain information about typhoons.

Japan Meteorological Agency http://www.jma.go.jp/jma/indexe.html
The Okinawa Story tourist information website

http://www.okinawastory.jp/en/

Reservations & Flight Information

ANA

50570-029-222(Paid) **5**098-861-8800(Paid) http://www.ana.co.jp

JAL, JTA and RAC

\$098-891-8201 (Okinawa/Paid) http://www.jal.co.jp

SKY

〒050-3116-7380 (Paid)
(Inquiries about yesterday or today's flight)
〒050-3116-7370 (Paid)
〒0980-86-8866
(Arrivals & Departures at tshigaki9:00~19:30)

(Arrivals & Departures at Miyako 9:00~19:30) http://www.skymark.jp

SNA

20570-037-283 (Paid) **206-7637-8817** (Paid) (PHS/International Calls) http://www.solaseedair.jp

Jetstar

☎0570-550-538 (Paid) (Service hours: 24 hours a day, 365 days a year) ☎050-3163-8538 (Paid/PHS) http://www.jetstar.com

Peach Aviation

Japanese: 20570-064-731 (Paid)
English: 203-4580-8181 (Paid)
Korean: 282-2-3483-4835
Chinese (Hong Kong):

2852-3071-3564 Chinese (Taiwan):

☎886-2-2650-7697

Korean, Chinese (Hong Kong, Taiwan) International Calls Business hours/9:00~18:00 (Mon. to Fri.) (Closed on weekends, holidays and year-end and new year holidays) http://www.flypeach.com

Vanilla Air

20570-666-603 (Paid)
Business hours/10:00~18:00 (Mon. to Fri.)
(Closed on holidays, year-end and new year holidays)
http://www.vanilla-air.com

JUNEYAO AIRLINES

☎098-866-8118 (Paid) (Japanese, English and Chinese available) Business hours/9:30∼18:00

(Mon. to Fri.) (Closed on weekends and holidays)

China Eastern Airlines

Hong Kong Dragon Airlines (Cathay Pacific Airways)

☎098-851-8580 (Paid)
(Flight status information)
Business hours/11:00~17:30

☎0120-46-3838 (Free) (Reservations) Business hours/9:00~17:30

(Mon. to Sat.)

(Reservations)

Business hours/9:00~17:30 (Mon. to Sat.)

http://www.cathaypacific.com/

Hong Kong Express Airways Hong Kong:

#852-3151-1888 (Paid) (English, Cantonese and Mandarin Only) Okinawa:

☎098-863-6662 (Paid) Business hours/9:30~18:00

(Mon. to Fri.) (Closed on weekends and holidays) http://www.hongkongairlines. com/en_HK/flight/status

TransAsia Airways

Business hours/Japan 9:30~12:00/ 13:00~17:30

Taiwan: 23 + 886-2-4498-123 http://www.flytransasia.jp

China Airlines

#3098-863-1013 (Free)
Business hours/9:00~18:00 (Weekdays)
9:00~17:00 (Weekends)
http://www.china-airlines.com

Air China

● Japanese Domestic Call Service Center

© 0120-474-999
(Japanese, English and Chinese available)
Business hours/9:30~17:30

(Mon. to Fri.)

●Overseas, mobile phone & pay phone ☎03-5251-0711

(Japanese, English and Chinese available) Japanese Phone Service Center

(Japanese, English and Chinese available)
Business hours/9:00~18:00 (Always open)

●Okinawa Branch Office 27098-866-8661

Business hours/9:15~18:00 (Mon. to Fri.)

http://www.airchina.jp./ja/index.html

Asiana Airlines

☎0570-082-555 Business hours/9:00~18:00 http://jp.flyasiana.com

Jin Air **2098-840-1474 (Paid) (Japanese, English and Korean available) Business hours/10:00~17:00 (Weekdays) http://www.jinair.com

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What to do in a **Major Earthquake**



If you are in a hotel

- Stay away from furniture and glass windows, keep yourself low and protect your head from falling objects.
- Do not rush outside. Falling pieces of glasses and tiles may hit you outside.





If you are outdoors

- Crouch on the ground and protect your head from falling objects.
- Stay away from block walls, cliffs, coast, rivers and narrow roads.
- •Run to a nearby open space.



If you are driving

- Slow down and park your car on the shoulder of the road. Turn off the motor.
 - Wait inside the car until the major shakes are over.
- Turn on the radio for emergency information.
- Do not lock the doors, with your key inside, when you leave the car.

Tsunami

 Beware of tsunami; a tsunami may follow a major earthquake. If you are driving on the coast or near a river, make a shelter to a higher ground or a tall building.



If you hear a **TSUNAMI** Alert



★If you hear a Tsunami Alert★

- Immediately leave the coastal area and run to a high ground or an upper level of a sturdy building.
- · Ask people around you where to run.
- Check and see the evacuation route from your hotel room in advance.
- Do not ever approach the sea until the tsunami alert has been completely lifted.

★Check the Elevation ★

- At major tourist sites, you find signs to show the elevation from the sea level.
- Make sure you reach a shelter high enough above sea level, when you are evacuated.
- Check the elevation of the place when you are visiting a coastal area.



★Cooperate in Evacuation★

- In case of evacuation, act promptly and follow the sinstruction of the hotel staff and local people.
- Help evacuate someone who is in need of assistance or ask for help to people nearby.



See the following for disaster information

- ■The Okinawa Story tourist information website http://www.okinawastory.jp/en/
- ■Okinawa Tourism Risk Management Information Site http://okinawa-crisis-mgt.info/en/



That's a Natural Monument!

Okinawa Prefecture is home to a total of 102 natural heritages, including 49 ones designated by the state, and 53 ones designated by the prefecture. The animals below are just among these heritages. (As of May 1, 2013)

(1) Some of the nationally designated animals

Okinawa woodpecker (special), Iriomote wildcat (special), crested serpent eagle (special), Ryukyu robin, terrestrial hermit crab, Japanese wood pigeon, Ryukyu rat, Okinawa spiny rat, yellow-margined box turtle, emerald dove, Ryukyu leaf turtle, Okinawa rail, Yanbaru long-armed scarab beetle, black sika deer



2) Some of the prefecturally designated animals

Great nawab, orange oakleaf, Asahina's skipper, Atlas moth, Kumejima firefly, Kikuzato's brook snake, Anderson's crocodile newt, Okinawan ground gecko, Holst's frog, Namiye's frog, Ishikawa's frog



Protect natural monuments (don't touch them or take them home)

The handling of natural monuments is determined by national and prefectural laws, and fines may be incurred for noncompliance. If you find a natural monument, don't try to catch it. Just observe it quietly.

Natural monuments that you might mistakenly take home

- 1) Terrestrial hermit crabs
- 2 Yellow-margined box turtle
- 3 Ryukyu leaf turtle
- *They are all state-designated natural heritages.







- *All of the terrestrial hermit crabs found on Okinawa are natural monuments.
- *Certain businesses are licensed to sell terrestrial hermit crabs. You may take home crabs purchased from licensed sellers, but when you buy crabs, check that the seller is actually licensed.

Protect the Okinawa rail and Iriomote wildcat from traffic accidents

These creatures are getting hurt and killed



On the northern part of the main island and on Iriomote Island, drive slowly and enjoy the views.



Okinawa rails crossing the road

You can avoid harming the Okinawa rail, Iriomote wildcat and other animals by driving more slowly.

The Okinawa rail, Iriomote wildcat and other rare animals are getting hurt in traffic accidents. Visitors to Okinawa should drive slowly enough to stop for wildlife on the roads. If you do accidentally hit an animal with your car, it will not be treated as a crime. Please report the incident so that the animal can be cared for.

Contact

Okinawa rail and Ryukyu rat

Ministry of the Environment Yambaru Wildlife TEL 0980-50-1025
Conservation Center Ufugi Nature Museum

Mobile · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · TEL 090-6862-9170

Iriomote wildcat and crested serpent eagle

Iriomote Wildlife Center ····· TEL 0980-85-5581

Crested serpent eagle

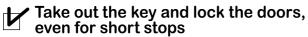
●Ishigaki Nature Conservation Office ・・ TEL 0980-82-4768

A prompt call can help save a precious life.

*Inquiries in Japanese only

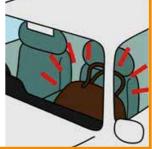
Car Safety

Don't become a victim



Don't leave bags, coats and other valuables in your car

Use well-managed car parking



Drinking and Driving is forbidden by law

In Okinawa Prefecture, drinking and driving is forbidden by law. Visitors to Okinawa are asked not to drink and drive.

Stop Drunk Driving

①If you're going to drive, don't drink alcohol. ②If you're going to drink alcohol, don't drive.

3 Don't offer alcohol to someone who is going to drive.

When someone has drunk alcohol, don't let them drive.

Beware of touts



○ We ask for the cooperation of residents and visitors in ensuring that patrons of entertainment districts can enjoy their visit, free of harassment by touts.

Directly accosting specific persons to solicit them as customers or employees of adult entertainment businesses is prohibited.



The residents of Okinawa Prefecture are working together to build a safe and welcoming community for residents and visitors alike.

Contacts for Emergencies and Unexpected Incidents

In some locations, only inquiries in Japanese can be handled. When making an inquiry, please get help from somebody who speaks Japanese.

Accidents and unexpected incidents

Local police stations	ବ୍ର110	Okinawa Police Headquarters	☎098-862-0110
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11th Regional Coast Guard Headquarters 2098-867-0118

Maritime accidents മ118

Contacts for Transport Information and Typhoon Information

●Okinawa City Monorail ②098-859-263		ବ୍ଦ0570-037-283
Japan Road Traffic □050-3369-666	6 Jetstar	ත0570-550-538

Naha Airport Building

Domestic Flight Terminal 2098-840-1151 International Flight Terminal 2098-840-1179

■ Weather and typhoon information ☎098-833-4290 (Okinawa Meteorological Observatory Weather Center)

●0kinawa Bus	ବ୍ଦ098-862-6737
●Ryuku Bus Kotsu	☎098-852-2510
●Naha Bus	☎098-852-2500
●Toyo Bus	ଘ098-947-1040
Okinawa Bus Association	ଘ098-867-7386
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☎098-855-1344 Okinawa Taxi Hire Association Okinawa Prefectural Hotel and Ryokan ☎098-861-4166 Environmental Health Association

Dkinawa Rental Car Association ☎098-859-3825

Inquiries about air service availabilite etc.

ANA තු098-861-8800 JAL, JTA, RAC ଦ୍ର098-891-8201

SKY ☎050-3116-7370

SNA	ଘ0570-037-283
Jetstar	ත0570-550-538
Peach Aviation	ବ୍ଦ0570-064-731
Vanilla Air	ත0570-666-603
Contact information	for international airline

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JUNEYAO AIRLINES තු098-866-8118

Beijing Air China ☎098-866-8661 Taipei

China Airlines

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TransAsia Airways

☎0570-550-075 Hong Kong ©098-863-6662

Hong Kong Express Airways Hong Kong Dragon Airlines

(Cathay Pacific Airways) 2098-851-8580

Seoul Asiana Airline 2098-852-0077

☎098-840-1474 Jin Air

Other Tourist Information

Okinawa Convention & Visitors Bureau (OCVB)Naha Airport Tourist Information Desk Domestic Flight Terminal Arrival Lobby 1F **☎**098-857-6884 International Flight Terminal Arrival Lobby 1F ©098-859-0742

Okinawa Barrier Free Tour Center **☎**098-858-7760

☎098-859-6123

Okinawa Prefecture Tourism Promotion Division ☎098-866-2764

Contacts for emergency illness or injury

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Northern RegionOkinawa Prefectural Hokubu Hospital	ବ୍ଦ0980-52-2719
Northern Region Northern Okinawa Medical Center	Д0960-54-1111
●Central Region	0000 070 4111
Okinawa Prefectural Chubu Hospital	☎098-973-4111
Heart Life Hospital	☎098-895-3255
Chubu Tokushukai Hospital	☎098-937-1110
Nakagami Hospital	☎098-939-1300
Ginowan Kinen Hospital	☎098-893-2101
●Naha, Urasoe, Southern Region and Kumeji	ma
Hospital, University of the Ryukyus	മ098-895-3331
Urasoe General Hospital	ୁ ପ୍ର ପ୍ରଥ ବର୍ଷ ପ୍ରଥ ବର୍ଷ ବର୍ଷ ବର୍ଷ ବର୍ଷ ବର୍ଷ ବର୍ଷ ବର୍ଷ ବର୍ଷ
Makiminato Central Hospital	☎098-877-0575
Minei Daiichi Hospital	☎098-877-5806
Okinawa Prefectural Nanbu Medical Center & Children's Medical Center	ଘ098-888-0123
Naha City Hospital	☎098-884-5111
Ohama Daiichi Hospital	☎098-866-5171
Okinawa Kyodo Hospital	☎098-853-1200
Okinawa Red Cross Hospital	☎098-853-3134
Tomishiro Chuo Hospital	ଘ098-850-3811
Nanbu Hospital	ଘ098-994-0501
Nishizaki Hospital	ଘ098-992-0055
Okinawa Daiichi Hospital	ଘ098-888-1151
Nanbu Tokushukai Hospital	ଘ098-998-3221
Yonabaru Central Hospital	മ098-945-8101
Kumejima Public Hospital	മ098-985-5555
●Miyako Region	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Okinawa Prefectural Miyako Hospital	୍ଦ୍ର0980-72-3151
Miyakojima Tokushukai Hospital	☎0980-73-1100
●Yaeyama District	60000 00 0505
Okinawa Prefectural Yaeyama Hospital	ବ୍ଦର୍ଶ ସହର ପ୍ରଥମ
Ishigakijima Tokushukai Hospital	☎0980-88-0123