

## **Resort Safety**

Because we are concerned with your well-being during your stay, we ask that you familiarize yourself with the following tips:

### **Security:**

- Do not leave valuables in your room. Place all valuables in the hotel's safe deposit box.
- Close the door securely whenever you are in your room and use all of the locking devices provided. Be sure that connecting and sliding doors are locked properly as well.
- Do not leave room keys on tables or at the pool, or any other place where they can be easily lost or stolen.
- Be observant when entering parking lots, and please don't leave valuables in your vehicle.
- If you see or hear any suspicious activity, please report your observations to management.

### **Safety:**

- Please observe all signs around swimming pools, beach, health facilities and recreation areas.
- If you are in an unfamiliar city, please familiarize yourself with the areas in which you plan to visit.
- Please watch young children at all times, especially in or near swimming pools and beach.
- Warning signs on the premises are intended for your safety. We ask that you read and obey them.

### **Fire:**

Please familiarize yourself with the location of hallway fire exits, alarms and extinguishers. In the unlikely event of a fire, notify the hotel operator and follow these basic procedures until otherwise directed by hotel staff or fire department:

- Take your key.
- Test your door for heat or smoke before exiting.
- If the hallway is clear, exit by the nearest stairwell.
- Do not use elevators.

### **Should the door be warm or impassable:**

- Place wet towels at the base of the door.
- Notify the hotel operator, giving name and room number.
- Turn off your air conditioner or heater to keep smoke from entering the room.
- Stay low and avoid inhaling smoke.

## **Beach and Water Safety**

Because we are concerned with your well-being during your stay, we ask that you take beach and safety tips seriously. Hawaii beaches have dangerous waves called shorebreaks. Conditions change frequently and without notice. Never turn your back on a wave. Ask beach/pool attendants when in doubt and observe signs along the beach.

### **THE OCEAN IS YOUR PLAYGROUND...**

but please play safely. Be aware that waves, large and small, submerged rocks and coral, currents and other conditions of the ocean can present hidden dangers. If you are traveling with small children, please remain with them at all times while you are in or near the water.

### **ASK OUR RECREATION STAFF ABOUT THE SURF CONDITIONS BEFORE ENTERING THE WATER...**

Warning signs on the premises are intended for your safety and security. We ask that you read and obey them. If you do not understand or are unsure of what these signs mean, please ask or contact the Recreation Staff.

### **WAVES COME IN SETS...**

Enter and exit the water during the lull between sets, or when the wave action is at its lowest.

### **NEVER TURN YOUR BACK...**

to the ocean when near the shorebreak. A large set of waves can catch you off guard.

### **HAWAII'S WAVES ARE STRONGER...**

in velocity than waves of similar size that you may have experienced in other locations.

### **DO NOT BODY SURF WAVES...**

that break at the edge of the shoreline. The wave can push you head first into the sand, causing neck and back injuries.

### **NEVER DIVE INTO UNKNOWN OR SHALLOW WATERS...**

### **ALWAYS SWIM WITH A BUDDY...**

When snorkeling make sure your equipment is in good condition; put your fins on last after you enter the water; swim against the current during the first half of your swim; and please do not touch the marine life. Periodically check your position in the water with landmarks on the beach where you entered. As with most pursuits common sense is the best preparation.

### **RIP CURRENTS ARE DIFFICULT TO IDENTIFY VISUALLY...**

Usually they produce a flattening effect as the water rushes in a current toward mid-ocean; waves breaking on either side of the outbound current can make the ocean look deceptively smooth. Rip currents may pick up debris and sand, giving the water a dark murky look.

### **IF YOU GET CAUGHT IN A RIP CURRENT...**

or you are unable to swim against a strong current, do not panic. Relax and drift with the current until you are released. Then calmly swim back to shore. Most rip currents disperse quickly beyond the shorebreak.

### **STAY CLEAR OF AREAS WITH SURFERS...**

and watch for runaway boards that wash in with the waves.

### **AVOID BURNING...**

Do not forget to use sunglasses, coverups, and sunblock when sun bathing. Waterproof sunblock is recommended while snorkeling and swimming. Hawaii's tropical sun is intense and can cause severe burning.