



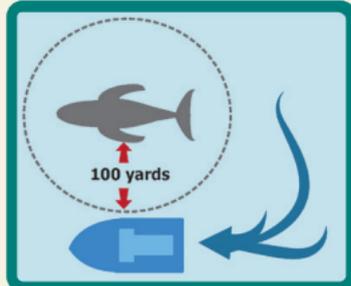
CAUTION

Pursuit, torment or annoyance that has the potential to injure or disturb whales or dolphins in the wild is illegal under federal law.

Follow recommended viewing guidelines

to ensure the protection of all marine mammals and that you are abiding by the law.

- **Remain a respectful distance from marine mammals.**
The minimum recommended distances are:
dolphins, porpoises & seals= 50 yards
whales= 100 yards
- **Limit viewing time to 30 mins.**
- **Don't encircle or trap marine mammals between vessels or between vessels and the shore.**
- **If approached by a marine mammal, put your vessel's engine in neutral and allow the animal to pass.**
- **Never pursue or follow a marine mammal. Any vessel movement should be slightly parallel to or from the rear of the animal.**
- **Federal law prohibits feeding or attempting to feed marine mammals.**



Report illegal feeding or harassment of marine mammals to NOAA's Enforcement Hotline: **1-800-853-1964**.

* In Puerto Rico, commercial businesses that view whales and researchers must obtain a permit from the Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (Law 241 Article 5.05).

REPORT DEAD, INJURED OR ENTANGLED WHALES AND DOLPHINS: 1-877 WHALE HELP (1-877-942-5343)



How can you help a stranded marine mammal?

- **DO** call 1-877 WHALE HELP (1-877-942-5343).
- **DON'T** push the animal back out to sea.
- **DO** put human safety above animal safety.
- **DO** stay with the animal until rescuers arrive.
- **DO** keep its skin moist and cool by splashing water over its body.
- **DON'T** cover or obstruct the blowhole.
- **DO** keep crowds away and noise levels down.
- **DO** report all dead marine mammals.
- **DO** keep dog/pets away.
- **DON'T** attempt to swim with it.
- **DON'T** collect any parts (tissues, teeth, bones, or gear, etc.) from dead animals.

For more information visit: <http://mmstrandings.sero.nmfs.noaa.gov>, or download **Dolphin & Whale 911** on your iPhone or Android.