

# STAYING SAFE

FOR AN EMERGENCY DIAL 911

## ON THE LONG BEACH PENINSULA

**T**he Peninsula is a wonderful place to visit, and we want your stay to be an enjoyable one. Staying safe makes your visit so much nicer. It is sincerely hoped that you will never be faced with any emergencies, but in case you are, here is some information that will be useful.

The Peninsula shoreline is designated as a state highway. All drivers and vehicles must be licensed and insured just as on any other state highway. The speed limit is 25 mph, with extra caution to be taken for other vehicles, pedestrians and beach debris. The beach is patrolled frequently and all laws are strictly enforced.

Recreational beach fires are permitted 100 feet west (that's towards the ocean) of the dune grass. Be aware of wind direction and be sure to completely extinguish the fire before leaving the area. Recreational and outdoor cooking fires are to be no more than 2 feet x 2 feet with seasoned wood or charcoal. If your fire gets out of control, you may be held personally responsible!

If you have a vacation home on the Peninsula and are here to do some cleanup projects, be advised that there are

designated "No Burn" areas on the Peninsula. Residential yard debris burning is permitted at various times and under certain conditions in other areas with a burning permit. Burn permits may be obtained free of charge at Jack's Country Store in Ocean Park, Pioneer Market in Long Beach, Seaview One Stop in Seaview, Fire District No. 1, Station 1 in Ocean Park and Station 2 in Seaview. For a recorded message on burn conditions, call 360-665-3508.

Tsunami evacuation signs have been posted up and down the Peninsula in an effort to make people aware of evacuation routes. There may or may not be much warning time in such an emergency, so the best policy is to make your way to high ground as soon as possible. If you are on the beach and unable to get to high ground go inland as far as you can and pay close attention to emergency personnel.

In the event of a sudden earthquake, be prepared to move to higher ground immediately, keeping clear of buildings, trees and power lines. Also be careful of damaged roads with gaps in the pavement. Do not call 911 and do not attempt to evacuate the Peninsula, there will not be enough time or access roads to accommodate an evacuation.

Our surf can be dangerous, be sure to carefully safeguard your children in the water and never turn your back on the ocean.



A cable TV crew taped a surf rescue training drill at the Seaview beach approach. Although local Coast Guard and volunteer lifesaving makes for dramatic stories, visitors should take care to keep out of the news by avoiding the surf and keeping an eye on younger family members who might take unnecessary risks. — OBSERVER FILE PHOTO

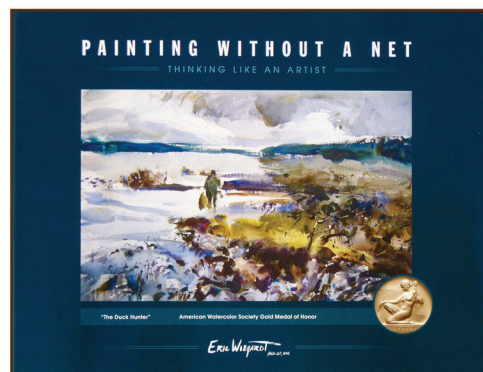
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