

using the seashore as a classroom

GUIDELINES FOR TEACHERS UNDERTAKING MARINE INVESTIGATIONS



- Ensure that students have appropriate clothing and footwear. Sneakers or leather boots are the best for climbing on rocks. Tell the class to bring sunhats, sunblock, raincoats etc.
- Teachers need to bring a first aid kit. They should also have a first aid certificate and bronze medallion if possible.

SET THE RULES REGARDING VIEWING AND TOUCHING SEA CREATURES

- Do not poke your fingers into crevices etc. where you cannot see.
- Do not touch or pick up any octopuses of any color.
- Be careful of animals with spines (for example, fish) or spicules such as sponges.

- If students want to see an animal close up, place it in a shallow container of seawater so that it does not dry out before you pass it around the group.
- When looking under rocks always replace the rock the way it was – it is a home to animals.
- If you pick up any animals always place them back where you found them – in the same rockpool
- Be gentle with the creatures and rocks.
- Don't pull seastars, sea urchins or molluscs off the rocks if they are stuck – leave them there.
- When collecting creatures for a classroom aquarium, make sure you observe the aquarium protocols (reference).

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