

Rock Fishing Safety



If you want to rock fish, you should learn how to minimise the risks.

- Always wear a lifejacket
- Stay alert to weather forecasts and warnings
- Plan an escape route in case you are washed in
- Never turn your back on the ocean
- Wear appropriate non-slip footwear and light clothing
- Do not jump in if someone is washed into the water - call 000 or go and get help
- Never fish alone
- Inform others of your plans



Marine Area Command
Crime Prevention Command

LIFEJACKET LAW

Anyone rock fishing in a declared location must wear an appropriate lifejacket. This includes people helping you to rock fish and children.

Failing to wear an appropriate lifejacket while rock fishing in a declared area may result in an on the spot fine.

As a general rule, if you are fishing from rocks exposed to ocean swell in a declared area, then you will need to wear a lifejacket. It is safest to wear a lifejacket whenever and wherever you are rock fishing. Current declared areas are:

- Ballina Shire LGA
- Central Coast LGA
- City of Lake Macquarie LGA
- Northern Beaches LGA
- Port Stephens LGA
- Randwick City LGA
- Richmond Valley LGA
- Sutherland Shire LGA



RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENCES

Whether you are fishing in fresh water or saltwater, you must carry your recreational fishing licence (or a receipt showing your payment) at all times. Your licence can also be accessed via your mobile phone or tablet device.

This includes when

- spear fishing
- trapping
- hand lining
- hand gathering
- bait collecting
- prawn netting or
- when in possession of fishing gear in, on or adjacent to these waters



WEAR A LIFE JACKET

DON'T RISK YOUR LIFE

VISIT https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/safety_and_prevention/safe_and_secure/marine/marine_crime/rock_fishing_safety FOR MORE SAFETY ADVICE