



RE: BEACH WARNING

Summer is well and truly here, and for most of us it's time to visit the local beach with friends, family, and the visitors! We can't wait to show off our beautiful blue flag beaches across the Costa Blanca and indeed why not?

When I arrived on a cheeky day visit to the beach last week, the **RED FLAG** was flying indicating bathing is prohibited and very dangerous. I could not believe the amount of people ignoring this warning, please, please be aware when the red flag is flying this means **DANGER**.

The day before my beach visit 17th July a 43 year old man died while swimming at Playa de Els Vivers in Guardamar del Segura, the Red Cross wants to remind swimmers and beachgoers to "respect" the instructions of the lifeguards and the colours of the flags, because the red flag means "swimming is prohibited". They also asked people to swim at beaches with lifeguards in order to "minimise the risks".

Please remember if you are swimming in the sea when the red flag is flying the lifeguards will ask you to leave the water, failure to do so will result in the beach police being called, I'm sure you have all seen them on their quad bikes. Although the lifeguards always try to persuade people in an amicable way to come out of the water, if the police are called this will result in a large fine!

PLEASE, PLEASE, stay safe and respect the hard working lifeguards and warning signs

The flags are usually displayed on a pole

GREEN - indicating safe bathing

YELLOW - indicating bathing with caution

RED - indicating bathing is prohibited and very dangerous

STAY SAFE AND HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

