

CIVIL DEFENSE AGENCY

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Incident: High Surf Warning

This is a Civil Defense High Surf Warning message for Wednesday morning, January 22nd.

The National Weather Service has issued a High Surf Warning for west facing shores of Hawaii Island from Kohala through Kona to Ka`u Districts through Thursday.

A High Surf Warning means large breaking surf, shore break, and dangerous currents that could cause significant injury or death.

Due to the High Surf Warning, the following are issued;

- Surf is expected to increase 4 to 8 feet this afternoon and increase to Warning levels starting tonight.
- Expect strong breaking waves, shore break, and rip currents making swimming difficult and dangerous.
- Beach-goers, swimmers, and surfers should heed all advice given by ocean safety officials and exercise caution.
- Beaches may be closed without notice.
- Secure personal property at this time that may become impacted by high surf.

Stay tuned to your radio for updates and changes in conditions.

Thank you for listening.

This is your Hawaii County Civil Defense Agency.