

Helping Marine Animals



Who Should Help?

Only experts should assist or rescue marine animals. These animals have very special needs, and they are too unpredictable for untrained people to manage.

If you see an orphaned, stranded, injured, or dead marine animal (manatee, dolphin, whale, sea turtle, seal, sea lion, or otter), *call the state Marine Patrol or Coast Guard right away.*

What to Report to Officials

- *When you saw it (time of day)*
- *Where it was located*
- *How it appeared (stranded, injured, etc.)*

Dead marine animals should also be reported so biologists can check on the cause and, possibly, prevent more deaths.

