

# SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

Fun in the sun



Fire Hazards

Water Hazards

Safe & Secure Homes

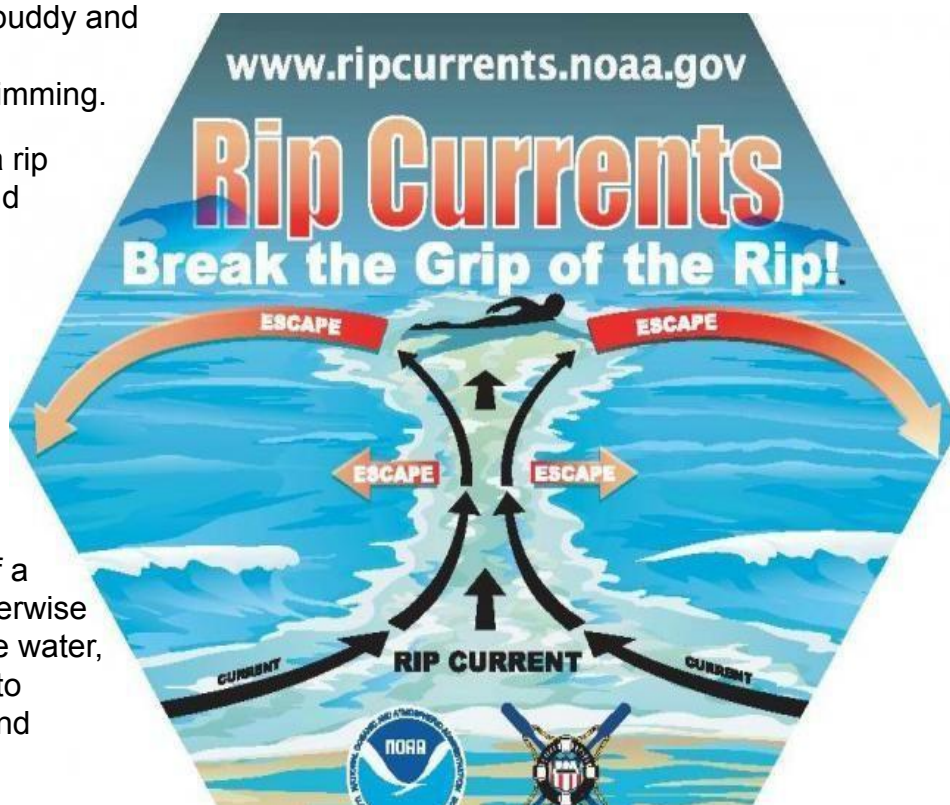
Read below to learn how to prevent emergencies and ensure your summer is both safe and fun!

## *Prevent fire related injuries and emergencies*

- Use chimineas, outdoor fireplaces, fire pits, and grills outdoors only and at least 10 feet away from your home or anything that can burn, including overhanging trees.
- Do not have any outdoor fires when RPV issues a No-Burn-Alert.
- Never leave grills unattended and keep a fire extinguisher nearby.
- Make sure charcoal and ashes are completely cool before disposing of them in a metal container away from flammable material.
- If you want to see fireworks, go to a public show put on by experts. Sparklers can reach 1,200°F and cause third-degree burns.

## *Prevent water related injuries*

- Always swim with a buddy and never leave children unattended while swimming.
- If you are caught in a rip current, stay calm and don't fight it. Swim parallel to the shore until you are out of the current or float/tread water until you are free of the rip current and then head to shore.
- If you can't get out of a rip current or are otherwise in danger while in the water, try to draw attention to yourself by waving and calling for help.



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## *Prevent water related injuries (continued)*

- Consider signing up you and your loved ones for swim lessons this summer!
- If there is an earthquake while you are at the beach, move inland and to higher ground to avoid a possible tsunami.
- If there is thunder and lightning while swimming, get out of the water immediately.
- While enjoying the water, make sure to stay hydrated, protect yourself from the sun, and look out for yourself and others for heat related illness/stroke.



**American  
Red Cross**

**Learn more summer safety tips from the American Red Cross :**

<https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/water-safety/beach-safety.html>

## *Safe Home Summer*

- **Lock all exterior doors, windows, garages, and sheds, even when you're home:** Install extra security locks on sliding glass doors to prevent them from being easily forced open.
- **Make it look like someone's home!** Leave a light, TV, or radio on when you're away, especially at night. Use timers or apps on lights to turn them on/off automatically. **Don't let mail or packages pile up;** pause delivery or have a trusted neighbor collect your mail. Schedule your mail hold here: <https://www.usps.com/manage/hold-mail.htm>
- **Light up the Outside.** Install motion-sensor lights near all entry points and around dark areas of your yard. Keep front and back entrances well-lit to deter intruders.
- **Use a Security System.** If you can, invest in a home security system with cameras and alarms. Always keep the system activated, even when you're at home. Do not write down or store the pin code near the keypad. To learn more about the City's Security Camera Reimbursement Program visit: [rpvca.gov/1329/Public-Safety-Reimbursement-Program](http://rpvca.gov/1329/Public-Safety-Reimbursement-Program)

### **Bonus Tips:**

- Trim bushes and trees around windows to eliminate hiding spots.
- Avoid publicly posting vacation plans or travel updates on social media.
- Call the Lomita Sheriff's Station and request a 'Vacation Home Check'
- Get to know your neighbors! They can help watch your home when you're away.



**Stay Safe. Stay Aware. Stay Protected.**

If you SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!

Contact the Lomita Sheriff's Station at 310.539.1661 if you see any suspicious activity and call 9-1-1 immediately if you see a crime in progress.

## Stay Informed and Get the ALERTS!



**Sign up for RPV Emergency Alerts** with Alert SouthBay: Text AlertSB to 888777, online at [alertsouthbay.com](https://alertsouthbay.com), download the free Everbridge app on Google Play or the App Store



**Know Your Zone.** Visit [PVPReady.gov](https://PVPReady.gov) find your emergency zone and view a live map of current zone statuses. This information will also be provided in emergency alerts from Alert SouthBay.



**Download the MyRPV App** on your device to stay connected to what is happening in the city.



## Mark Your Calendar

**Community Emergency Response Training (C.E.R.T.)** - September 6<sup>th</sup> , 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 9am - 5pm, YMCA in San Pedro : <https://lacountyfire.galaxydigital.com/event/>

**LA County Fire Department Defensible Space Inspections for Coastal Communities** begins June 1<sup>st</sup> :

[https://fire.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Annual-Defensible-Space-Notice-2025\\_English-Spanish\\_03072025.pdf](https://fire.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Annual-Defensible-Space-Notice-2025_English-Spanish_03072025.pdf)



### BUILDING YOUR EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

This month's item: **FIRST AID KIT**. Have a full sized first aid kit at home and a small kit for your go bag. When you use items, be sure to restock them.

American Red Cross First Aid Kit List - <https://tinyurl.com/9ec8nxte>

American Veterinary Medical Association Pet First Aid Kit List - <https://tinyurl.com/3tfb4hdw>

To have this monthly message from the Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) sent to your inbox, sign up here:

<https://www.rpvca.gov/list.aspx>.

For additional information and resources, please contact the EPC at [EPC@rpvca.gov](mailto:EPC@rpvca.gov) or (310) 544-5209 .





# You Can Be a Hometown Hero!



## SIGN UP NOW FOR A **FREE IN-PERSON** COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM TRAINING!\*

The County of Los Angeles Fire Department is hosting a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. This in-person training will be conducted over three-consecutive Saturdays beginning September 6, 2025.

*Participants must complete the entire 20-hour course to receive a certificate of completion.*

**ANN & STEVE HINGHLIFFE SAN PEDRO & PENINSULA YMCA**  
**301 SOUTH BANDINI STREET, SAN PEDRO, CA 90731**

**SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2025  
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.**

**SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2025  
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.**

**SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2025  
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.**

*\*This CERT training is open to everyone 16 years of age and older!*

After a major disaster, first responders may be inundated with emergency requests and demands. Residents may have to rely on each other for immediate first aid and life-sustaining needs. The Department's CERT program provides the public with basic training in safety and life-saving skills.

The CERT program is developed in accordance with standards set by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.



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To register and  
receive more information,  
visit [bit.ly/LACoFD-CERT](https://bit.ly/LACoFD-CERT)  
or scan QR code.

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