

HOW TO HELP STRANDED WHALES

IF YOU'RE THE FIRST TO DISCOVER A STRANDING,
CALL **PROJECT JONAH** ON **0800 4 WHALE** IMMEDIATELY.

Give as much information as you can: the number of animals, their size, colour, condition (alive, dead or badly injured) and their location.

Follow the instructions given to you over the phone.

1. Keep them COOL

Out of the water whales will overheat quickly and their delicate skin will dry out and burn in the sun. Pour water over them to keep them cool.

Don't pour water down their blowhole.

2. Keep them COVERED

Light coloured wet sheets will help reflect the sun's rays and keep them cool. Make sure sheets are wet and sand free and that the whale has had the sand washed off it before placing the sheet on.

Don't cover their eyes, mouth or blowhole.

3. Keep them CALM

Keep the stranding site as quiet as possible; noise will stress the whales out. Don't shout or make loud noises.

Never attempt to drag or roll a whale to the sea.



Be ready to help by becoming a Marine Mammal Medic.
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