

# EVENT OF MARINE LIFE STRANDINGS

## Start

In the UK, if you come across a sighting of a stranded/deceased whale, porpoise or seal (collective name = Cetacean), please contact the CSIP hotline & emergency services to make them aware of the situation.

**Please do not touch the animal - it may contain diseases unknown to humans!**

CSIP documents the reasons why strandings happen. They undertake research from samples of the animal to collect data to figure out why these situations happen.

By reporting these strandings, CSIP can work with The Wildlife Trust to identify the causes leading up to deaths & come up with ways to combat them.

If you witness someone intentionally trying to harm marine life, you should immediately report it to the police with details of your location, the time/date and a description of the event.  
**This is considered a serious crime!**

The correct authorities to call in this situation is your local police station or local Marine Management Organisation body.

## IMPORTANT CONTACTS

**CSIP hotline** - 0800 652 0333

**The Marine Conservation Team** - 0300 123 1032

**Coastguard** - 999 or 112 and ask for local Coastguard

**Marine Management Organisation** - 0300 123 1032

**PREMIAM** - 0300 200 2024

**The Wildlife Trust** - 01636 677711

**British Divers Marine Life Rescue** - 01825 765546

**RNLI UK** - 0300 300 9990

**DEFRA** (General animal welfare enquiries) -  
customeradvice@apha.gov.uk or 03000 200 301

**East Suffolk Council** - 0333 016 2000  
(or 0800 440 2516 for out of hours)

## Stranded Whales

When a stranded whale is found, the first thing you should do is contact CSIP and let them know the situation and the location. If the operator gives advice over the phone - all parties should follow the information. The police/local authorities can be contacted too for extra support if required.

## Oil Spills

Oil spills are very harmful to our marine life. If an oil spill happens, your local Coastguard should be contacted. If you can visibly see the spill - stay out of the water & let them know the general location.

The Pollution Response In Emergencies Marine Impact Assessment And Monitoring (PREMIAM) will need to be notified. They have a collective interest in open water oil spills and the protection of the marine environment.

If a mammal gets washed up because of a spill - CSIP & Coastguard will have to be called for disposal purposes. A representative from Marine Pollution may be called to examine/take samples before disposal.

