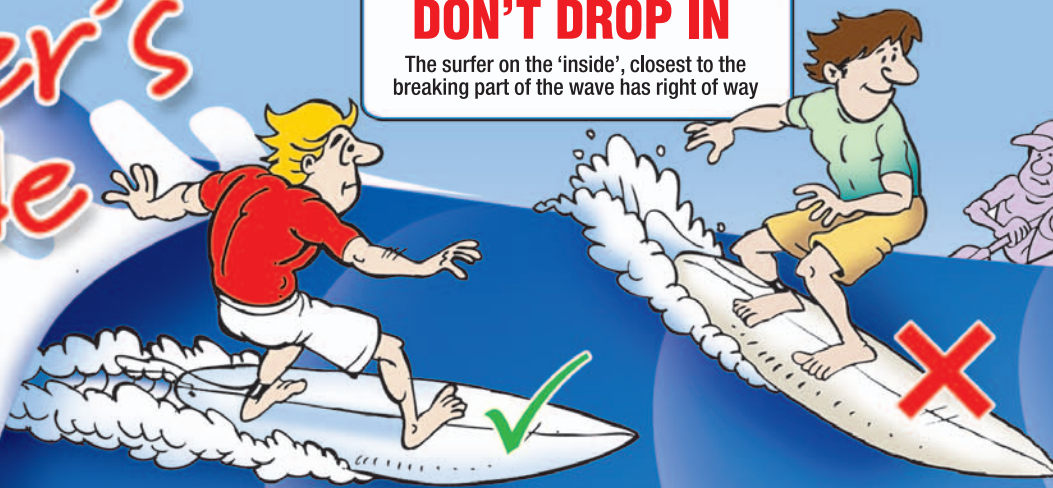


# The Surfer's Code

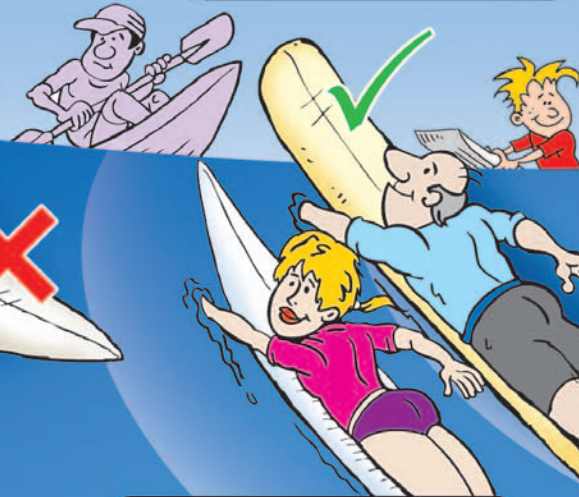
## DON'T DROP IN

The surfer on the 'inside', closest to the breaking part of the wave has right of way



## PADDLE WIDE

When paddling out, stay wide of the break, away from other surfers



## DON'T THROW YOUR BOARD

Whenever safely possible try to hang onto your board. Learn to 'duck-dive' to get under waves. If you must discard your board make sure no-one is behind you or nearby



## COMMUNICATE

When catching a wave let others near you know which way you're going



Respect everyone's right to enjoy the surf



## Tips for Staying Safe in the Surf

- 1 **Check the Conditions.** Choose your spot carefully. Obey all signs and flags. If you are unsure of surf conditions, ask a lifeguard.
- 2 **Check your gear.** Board in good condition with safety leash or leg rope attached. Wetsuit, fins etc suitable for conditions. Slip, slop, slap.
- 3 **Never surf alone.** Surf with a mate and always let others know where and how long you will be.
- 4 **Surf within your ability.** Know your limits. Reassess conditions as they change. If you do get into trouble, raise your hand and call out for assistance.
- 5 **Follow the Surfer's Code.** Respect everyone's right to enjoy the surf. Follow the code for a safe and enjoyable surf!

**OBEY THE SIGNS AND ALWAYS SWIM BETWEEN THE RED AND YELLOW FLAGS**



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