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# TAKE CARE IN CROCODILE AREAS

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NOT FOR LOAN

 Do not lean over the edge of a boat or stand on logs overhanging water, and don't hang articles over the edge of the boat - and that includes arms and legs!

 Stand at least a few metres back from the water's edge when fishing.

 Dispose of food scraps, fish offal and other waste properly, and away from your camp site. Do not feed crocodiles.

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Two crocodile species occur in Western Australia. Salt-water crocodiles are particularly dangerous to humans; fresh-water crocodiles are smaller but caution is still needed. Because it can be difficult to tell them apart, treat all crocodiles with respect.

Throughout the Kimberley region of Western Australia, look out for signs erected at places where there is a potential danger from crocodiles. Absence of a warning sign does not mean the area is safe. Obtain advice from a CALM Office.


People and crocodiles can "live together" if a few simple rules are followed.


The name "salt-water" or "estuarine" crocodile is misleading. They live along the coast, out to sea around islands and in estuaries. They can live long distances upstream in fresh-water rivers and creeks, and in swamps long distances from the sea.


While crocodiles may be more aggressive during the breeding and nesting season ("wet" season) they can attack year-round.


## HOW TO BE "CROCODILE WISE" THROUGHOUT THE KIMBERLEY REGION


Observe the warning signs.

 Seek expert advice about crocodiles before swimming, camping, fishing or boating.

 There is a potential danger anywhere salt water crocodiles occur. The Kimberley coast from Broome northward should be considered a crocodile habitat, including off-shore islands. If there is any doubt, do not swim, canoe or use small boats in estuaries, tidal rivers, deep pools or shores. Remember that salt-water crocodiles may also inhabit fresh-water pools a great distance upstream.

 Be aware. Keep your eyes open for crocodiles. Children and pets are at particular risk in the water or at the water's edge.

 Large salt-water crocodiles have no fear of humans. They are often inquisitive and will swim towards small boats. Keep clear.

 Do not paddle, clean fish, prepare food or camp at the water's edge. Fill a bucket with water and do your chores at least 50 metres away. Returning daily or regularly to the same spot at the water's edge is dangerous - vary your habits.

