



## Seashore Conservation Code

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### **1. Watch wildlife without disturbance**

Try to watch animals in their natural homes by using a magnifying glass to see them closer. If you need a closer look, collect one carefully and put it in fresh seawater for a short time only and then return it to its home.

### **2. Protect animals**

Don't hurt or injure animals that you find alive on the beach. If collecting shells, make sure there is nothing alive inside it. Take care!

### **3. Return wildlife to where it was found**

Never return creatures to a different part of the shore, as they might not be able to survive in a different area.

### **4. Protect animal homes**

Return rocks and seaweed to their original position after turning them over. If you don't, plants and animals may dry out and die.

### **5. Collecting Shells**

Only collect what you will need and use as they have a job on the beach. Do not pick shells off rocks when stuck to them as you will kill the animal inside.

### **6. Keep seaweeds alive**

Do not pull seaweed off rocks. Collect loose weed found along the shoreline

### **7. Help seabirds**

Try not to disturb seabirds feeding along the seashore. Stay well away from nesting birds.

### **8. Keep the seashore clean**

Always put your rubbish in litter bins or take it away with you as it can pollute the sea and kill animals.

### **9. Contact the Irish Seal Sanctuary**

If come across a sick seal or seabird get in contact with the Irish Seal Sanctuary who can help.

**LEAVE NOTHING BEHIND YOU BUT FOOTPRINTS!**