

# A SEAL!

## WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?



Usually, seals avoid people and go into the water when humans come close. However, occasionally a seal will stay on the beach in a busy area, perhaps even where you are walking. Quite a rare sight! A seal staying put doesn't necessarily mean it is sick; often, seals are just resting on the beach for a while. They can rest at the same spot for up to two days!



**KEEP YOUR  
DOG LEASHED**



**ALWAYS KEEP 30  
METERS DISTANCE**

# WHAT ARE NORMAL SITUATIONS?



Is the seal already **marked with a color**? This means the seal is in observation. The condition of the animal is being watched by our seal guards.



Is the seal lying with its head and tail up, in a **banana pose**? Or on its side? Then this is completely normal. These are positions that healthy seals lie in when they are resting.



The seal is lying **alone**, perhaps it is even a pup. This is not a reason to panic; seals are solitary animals and often lie alone. The mother can leave her pup alone for longer than 8 hours to go hunting!

Still unsure about the situation? Then call Stichting Zeehondencentrum Pieterburen on **+31 595 526 526**. Before you call, look for a nearby pole number or landmark.

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