

Emergency Contact Information

For all emergencies: Dial 9-1-1

New Shoreham (Block Island)

New Shoreham Police Department

Beach Avenue

New Shoreham, RI 02807

Telephone: (401) 466-3220

New Shoreham Fire/Rescue

P.O. Box 220

New Shoreham, RI 02807

Telephone: (401) 466-3220

Block Island Health Center: 466-2974

Rhode Island State Police

All Emergencies: (401) 444-1000

Cellular Telephone Emergencies: *77 (*SP)

South Kingstown

South Kingstown Police Department

1790 Kingstown Road

Wakefield, RI 02879

Telephone: (401) 783-3321

South Kingstown Fire/Rescue

131 Asa Pond Road

South Kingstown (Wakefield), RI 02879

Telephone: (401) 789-8354

South County Hospital

100 Kenyon Road

South Kingstown (Wakefield), RI 02879

Telephone: (401) 782-8000

Narragansett

Narragansett Police Department

40 Caswell Street

Narragansett, RI 02882

Telephone: (401) 789-1044

Narragansett Fire/Rescue

40 Caswell Street

Narragansett, RI 02882

Telephone: (401) 789-1000

Block Island Ferry (Interstate Navigation)

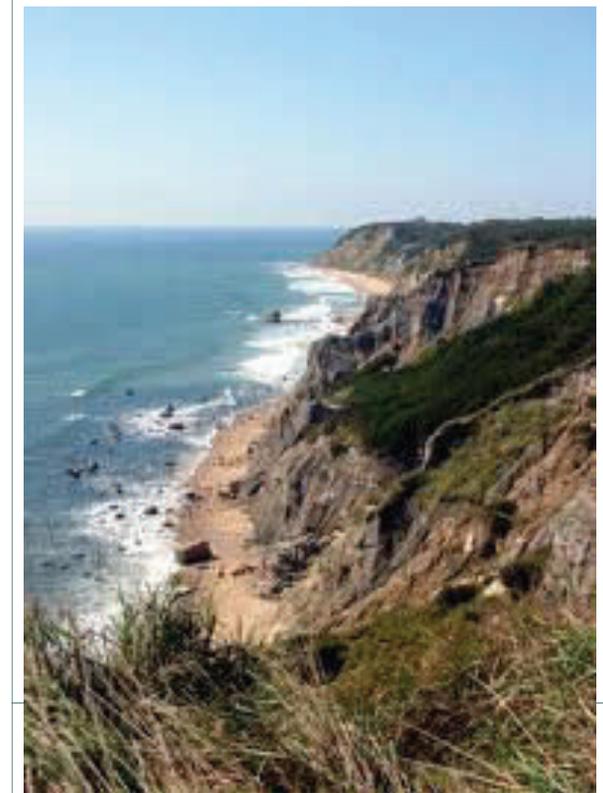
Telephone: (401) 783-7996



Welcome!

New Shoreham Rhode Island

*Important
Information About
Your Visit*



Welcome to Block Island!

Thank you for visiting Block Island and the surrounding communities this summer. We hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable stay.

As public safety officials, we also want you to be safe while you are visiting the "Ocean State." In this brochure you will find emergency telephone numbers for the local police, fire, rescue departments as well as area hospitals. There is also a map showing where these emergency services are located.

Because we are expecting a large number of visitors, especially over the holiday weekends, we are increasing law enforcement presence on both Block Island, the neighboring towns, as well as on the Block Island Ferry. We will practice zero tolerance for those who choose to drink and drive and unbuckled operators and passengers in motor vehicles. All children are to be properly restrained in vehicles. Applicable laws and ordinances are also outlined for your information.

We are asking that you stay safe by buckling up, not drinking and driving, and exercise caution on the beaches, roadways, and throughout the Block Island community. Thank you for visiting Rhode Island, and enjoy your vacation.

Colonel Steven G. O'Donnell, Superintendent
Rhode Island State Police

Chief Vincent T. Carlone, Chief of Police
New Shoreham Police Department

Chief Dean Hoxie, Chief of Police
Narragansett Police Department

Chief Vincent Vespia, Chief of Police
South Kingstown Police Department

Chief William McCombe, Director of Security
Interstate Navigation Company

Important Laws & Ordinances

Block Island Ordinances:

- There is no littering or overnight camping on beaches. Camp fires are by permit only.
- Open or closed containers of alcoholic beverages are prohibited on beaches, streets, docks, etc.
- Disturbing the peace is prohibited.
- All pets must be leashed.

Rhode Island State Laws:

- Helmets are required for passengers on motorcycles.
- Texting while driving is prohibited.
- Seatbelts: Operators and all passengers in vehicles are required to wear seatbelts.
- Child Restraints: All children are to be secured in vehicles in a child safety seat, booster seat, or seatbelt depending on their age, height, and weight.
- Driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor, drugs, toluene, or any controlled substance is a violation of RIGL 31-27-2. Driving with a blood-alcohol concentration of .08% or greater is a violation of RIGL 31-27-2(b).
- The legal drinking age in Rhode Island is 21 years of age.
- Helmets are required for persons age 15 years and younger on bicycles, skateboards, roller skates, in-line skates, and scooters.
- Fireworks: Aerial fireworks are prohibited.
- There is no smoking in restaurants and other public buildings.
- Open containers of alcohol in vehicles are prohibited.
- Possession of marijuana in Rhode Island is illegal, even in small amounts.



Southeast Lighthouse

Summer Safety Tips from the CDC

- Drink plenty of fluids. Do not wait until you are thirsty. Avoid alcohol and sugary drinks.
- Do not leave children or pets in vehicles.
- Wear a wide-brim hat, sunglasses, and sun-screen SPF 15 or higher with "broad spectrum" or "UVA/UVB protection" on the label.
- Headache, confusion, dizziness, and/or nausea are symptoms of heat-related illness. Seek medical attention to see if you need treatment.
- Keep an eye on the weather forecast. Seek shelter in the event of a thunder storm, and do not go in the water. If you are in a boat, especially an open cabin boat, return to land as soon as possible.
- Ensure there are enough life jackets for all boat passengers, and children should always wear a life jacket while in a boat.
- Wear light-color, loose-fitting clothing.
- Remember that children, the elderly, and people with health issues are most susceptible to the heat.
- Swim only in designated areas, and always supervise children near the water. No one should swim alone.
- Exercise caution when using fireworks, and supervise children. Discard materials safely.
- Ensure that food is properly stored and refrigerated.
- Designate a meeting spot in case your group or family is separated.

North Light

