

## CLOVER SAFE #27



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## TIDAL POOL EXPLORATION SAFETY

A variety of marine plants and animals may be encountered when exploring tidal pools along the California coastline. Palm kelp, red algae, surf grass, anemones, barnacles, mussels, crabs, limpets, sea urchins, sea stars, and snails are among the types of marine plants and animals that may be observed in California tidal pools.

Major risks for injuries during tidal pool exploration are to slip and fall onto rocks and be caught unaware by waves and thrown into rocks or knocked down and swept offshore by currents. Typical injuries include lacerations and

contusions. For additional information about tidal pool exploration, go to the Clover Safe note at: <http://ucanr.org/cloversafe>.

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