



## SAFETY AT THE BEACH IN THE KALAJOKI TOURIST AREA

The popular sandy beach of Kalajoki, Hiekkasärkät, is quite extensive at about 3½ km long. The water near the shore is mainly shallow with a sandy bottom shaped by waves, which makes it pleasant and safe to walk and wade in the water.

However, it should be noted that the water may be unexpectedly deep in places. Different and rapidly changing weather conditions can also make the sea unpredictable. By the water, it is important to take into account changing wind and weather conditions, waves, deeper places and currents, as well as to recognise your own and your loved ones' swimming skills. Tailwind may make it easier to advance on a SUP board or canoe, for example, but keep in mind that wind blowing from inland can quickly carry you far from the shore, and returning ashore against the wind may prove more difficult than expected.

There are no official lifeguards at Hiekkasärkät beach. In case of an accident or if someone needs help in the water, please call the emergency number 112 immediately.

For a family swim, please keep your phones in your bag and your eyes on the children and their play.

Kalajoki wishes you an enjoyable, relaxing a safe summer!

