DANGER! RIP CURRENTS

EACH YEAR PEOPLE GET INTO DIFFICULTY BECAUSE THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE BEACH DANGERS

A RIP IS A BODY OF WATER MOVING OUT TO SEA. TO ESCAPE FROM A RIP CURRENT:

- SWIM ACROSS TO THE NEAREST BREAKING WAVES

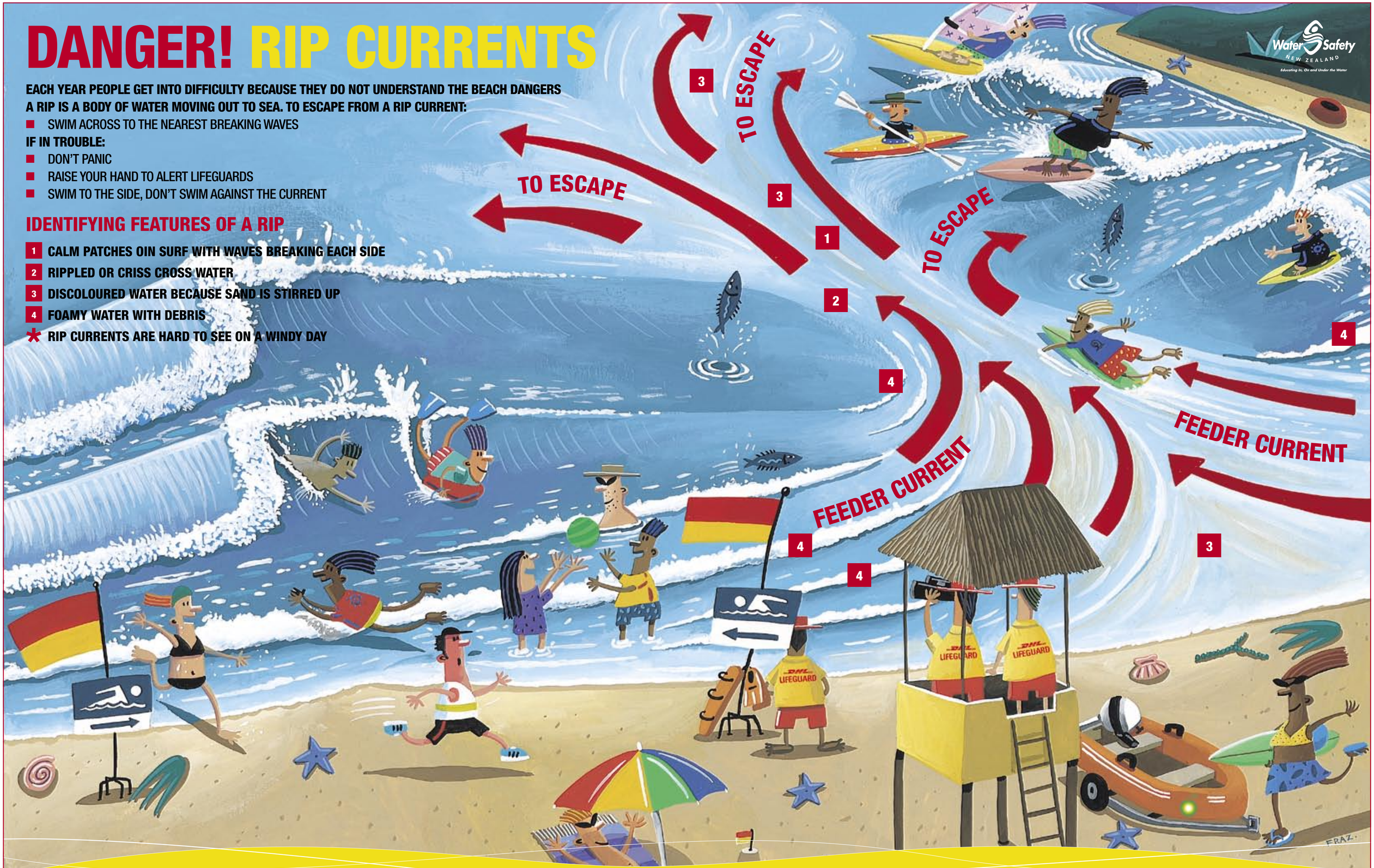
IF IN TROUBLE:

- DON'T PANIC
- RAISE YOUR HAND TO ALERT LIFEGUARDS
- SWIM TO THE SIDE, DON'T SWIM AGAINST THE CURRENT

IDENTIFYING FEATURES OF A RIP

1. CALM PATCHES OIN SURF WITH WAVES BREAKING EACH SIDE
2. RIPPLED OR CRISS CROSS WATER
3. DISCOLOURED WATER BECAUSE SAND IS STIRRED UP
4. FOAMY WATER WITH DEBRIS

* RIP CURRENTS ARE HARD TO SEE ON A WINDY DAY



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