

SEALS IN NEW ZEALAND

WHEN TO HELP SEALS

IF A SEAL IS:

- In very poor condition
- In immediate danger, such as from cars or dogs
- Tangled in debris
- Causing disruption
- In the middle of a road
- Being harassed by a dog or people



Fur seal – *Kekeno*



Elephant seal – *Ihupuku*

STAYING SAFE AROUND SEALS

- Do not disturb seals, make loud noises or throw things near them
- Keep dogs and small children well away from seals
- Keep a safe distance at all times; stay at least 20 metres away
- Leave an escape route between a seal and the sea
- Look but don't touch. Seals carry infectious diseases and their teeth can inflict serious injuries
- Do not feed seals



Leopard seal – *Pakaka*



Sea lion – *Whakahao*

THEY MAY NEED HELP

Never handle or try to help a seal yourself as they can become aggressive when stressed.

Call DoC (0800 362 468) or Project Jonah (0800 494 253) to report the incident.