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SCUBA HAND SIGNAL EXAMPLES

EXAMPLE SIGNALS TO AGREE IN THE DIVE BRIEFING

! | Hand signals are not fully universal. Agree the local convention and meanings before every dive.

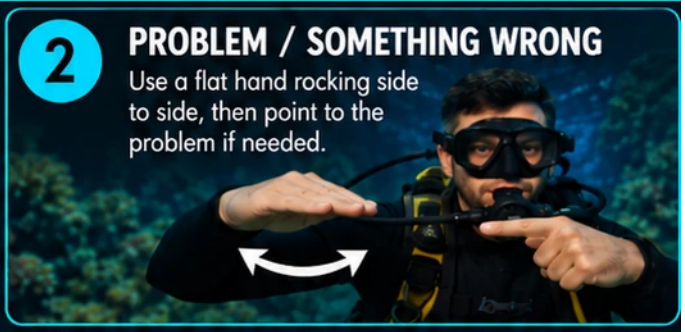
1 OK

Use the OK signal to confirm you are okay.



2 PROBLEM / SOMETHING WRONG

Use a flat hand rocking side to side, then point to the problem if needed.



3 GO UP / GO DOWN

Thumb up means go up.
Thumb down means go down.



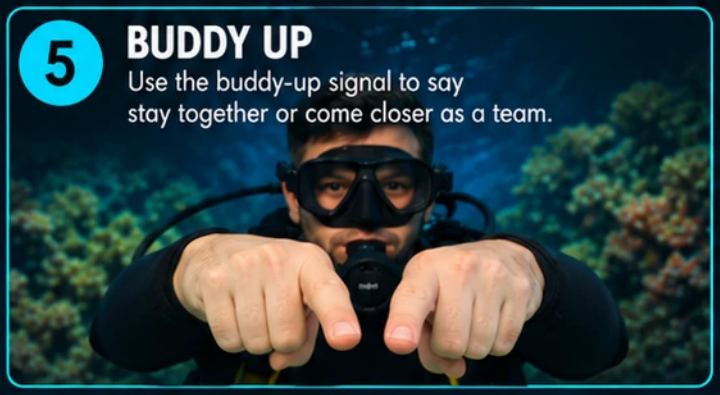
4 STOP

Use an open palm to tell your buddy to stop.



5 BUDDY UP

Use the buddy-up signal to say stay together or come closer as a team.



6 SAFETY STOP

A common briefing example is level off, then show three minutes for the stop.



! IMPORTANT

- Agree the signals in your briefing.
- If in doubt, stop and re-confirm the meaning.
- Follow your training, buddy procedures and dive plan.

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