



STANDARD SCUBA DIVING HAND SIGNALS

Widely used standard signals for recreational scuba diving.

<p>1 Are you OK? / OK!</p>  <p>Make an O with thumb and forefinger.</p>	<p>2 Are you OK? / OK! (surface at distance)</p>  <p>Both arms overhead forming a large O.</p>	<p>3 Are you OK? / OK! (surface, one hand occupied)</p>  <p>One arm overhead touching the head to form an O.</p>	<p>4 Boat</p>  <p>Cup both hands together.</p>	<p>5 Come here</p>  <p>Sweep hand toward the body in a beckoning motion.</p>
<p>6 Danger</p>  <p>Cross clenched fists in front of the body to warn of danger.</p>	<p>7 Distress / Help me</p>  <p>Wave one hand quickly from horizontal to overhead.</p>	<p>8 Ear not clearing</p>  <p>Point to one ear.</p>	<p>9 Get with your buddy</p>  <p>Bring both extended forefingers together.</p>	<p>10 Go down / I'm going down</p>  <p>Thumbs-down gesture.</p>
<p>11 Go that way</p>  <p>Point the thumb in the direction to travel.</p>	<p>12 Go up / I'm going up</p>  <p>Thumbs-up gesture.</p>	<p>13 Hold hands</p>  <p>Clasp both hands together.</p>	<p>14 I am cold</p>  <p>Cross arms and grab upper arms.</p>	<p>15 I don't know</p>  <p>Palms up with a shrug.</p>
<p>16 I'm low on air</p>  <p>Clenched fist moved inward toward the chest.</p>	<p>17 I'm out of air</p>  <p>Flat hand drawn across the throat.</p>	<p>18 Let's share air</p>  <p>Point to the regulator or mouth to request air sharing.</p>	<p>19 Level off at this depth</p>  <p>Flat hand, palm down, moving slowly side to side.</p>	<p>20 Me / I</p>  <p>Point to yourself at chest height.</p>
<p>21 Something is wrong</p>  <p>Flat hand, palm down, rocking side to side.</p>	<p>22 Stop</p>  <p>Raise one hand vertically, palm facing outward.</p>	<p>23 Take it easy / Slow down</p>  <p>Flat hand, palm down, slowly flex up and down.</p>	<p>24 Think / Remember</p>  <p>Touch the forehead with one finger.</p>	<p>25 Turn around</p>  <p>Forefinger raised and rotated in a circular motion.</p>
<p>26 Under / Over / Around</p>  <p>Palm down, showing the intended route around an obstacle.</p>	<p>27 Watch / Look</p>  <p>Two fingers pointing to the mask or eyes.</p>	<p>28 Which direction?</p>  <p>Rotate a thumbs-out fist back and forth to ask direction.</p>	<p>29 Who will lead, who will follow</p>  <p>Point to lead diver (front) then to following diver (back) to show front and back positions.</p>	



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★ Review hand signals with your buddy before every dive. ★