



Autorità di bacino distrettuale delle Alpi Orientali



PREFETTURA di TREVISO



REGIONE DEL VENETO



PROVINCIA DI TREVISO

# Enjoy the River safely

**Swimming is dangerous because the river poses life-threatening risks**



**1. Suction effect and dangerous currents**  
Even under normal conditions, rivers have very dangerous currents: the suction effect is one of the greatest risks

**2. Riverbed depth**  
A riverbed may hide large rocks and unexpected currents. Its depth is often unknown, and diving in can be fatal

**3. River siphons, cavities and entrapment points**  
Some of the river's greatest dangers are siphons—larger or smaller passages located under an obstacle, such as a large boulder. Here, the current is stronger, creating a risk of being sucked in or trapped

**4. Low temperatures**  
Compared to the sea, river water is colder, which can cause thermal shock and lead to hypothermia



**5. Unstable and slippery rocks**  
The river environment presents steep and unstable rocks: climbing on them is forbidden and extremely dangerous

**6. Floating debris and underwater obstacles**  
Unexpected debris and obstacles underwater can cause injuries or entanglements, making the river unsafe for swimming

**7. Weather conditions and storms**

A heavy storm can cause a sudden rise in water levels, resulting in flooding. Always check the weather forecast!



**8. Quicksand**  
In lowland rivers, like the Piave, it's crucial to avoid areas with quicksand, to avoid the risk of getting trapped and drowning

**9. Water Quality**  
The water quality does not always meet the standards set by Legislative Decree 116/2008

## The river is not the sea!