Info for reporting seal injuries and strandings
For Cape Cod Mainland
Contact IFAW
508-743-9548
For the rest of Massachusetts
(including: North Shore, South Shore, Nantucket and Martha’s Vineyard)
Contact New England Aquarium
617-973-5247

Tips for the Caller:
• Seals are dangerous and will bite and attack if they feel threatened. Protect yourself and minimize stress to the seal by keeping a safe distance at which the seal isn’t visibly agitated.

• It’s always best for the caller to report the seal since they have the onsite information. They should be prepared to leave a message with a call-back number and detailed information about the nature of the injury and their location. It’s ok if they don’t know the species of seal.

• Not all seals that are hauled up on land are injured. Many are just resting. Seals that have visible wounds, netting, or other human paraphernalia wrapped around a body part should definitely be reported. When in doubt, report it!