Beach slope fix elusive

Experts say injuries not statistically significant

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CAPE MAY — Agencies that regulate beach nourishment and movement of sand did not offer much insight into why the beach slope in Cape May never seems uniform, according to Constantino of the DEP's Bureau of Coastal Engineering. The Army Corps said there was not enough study to provide a solid answer.

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how to avoid injuries in shore break conditions

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Ocean City, Md. — Cape May is one of the undeniably one of the main reasons many people choose to visit the beach for a vacation. Whether it is body surfing, boogie boarding, or surfing at one of our knitting beaches, riding the waves is one of the least expensive and fun things you can do at the beach. However, each season we have several would-be surfers who are injured in shore break in Ocean City, Md., and that type of wave is not meant for riding. In fact, riding shore break can cause severe injury, paralysis and even death.

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