

Table 5.2. Wave patterns

Converging waves

The higher waves formed when the crests of two waves merge; a wave interference pattern.

Diffacted waves

Wave crests in a wave train that change direction, bending when going around a barrier or through an opening.

Parallel waves

Sets of waves traveling together in the same direction with crests about equally distant from each other.

Radiating waves

Sets of waves that move outward in concentric rings away from the generating source.

Reflected waves

Waves that have bounced off an object.

Refracted waves

Waves that change direction as they pass through different media, such as water of varying depths.