

# SHARKS AT THE BEACH



SHARKS AND OTHER MARINE CREATURES ARE A NATURAL PART OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT.

The chances of a shark attack are very low and there are some simple rules for safe swimming to apply to help reduce the risk of incidents involving sharks and humans.

- Always swim at a patrolled beach and between the red and yellow flags
- Follow the instructions and advice provided by surf lifesavers and lifeguards. Be sure to heed all sign safety warnings
- Leave the water immediately if a shark is sighted
- Never swim alone
- Never swim when bleeding
- Do not swim or surf after dusk, at night or before dawn when sharks are most active
- Do not swim in murky waters
- Do not swim near schools of fish or where fish are being cleaned
- Do not swim in canals, lakes or near a river mouth
- Do not swim near, or interfere with, shark control equipment
- Do not swim with animals



For more information on any other matter relating to aquatic safety, contact:

**Surf Life Saving Australia**  
02.9300.4000 or  
slsa.com.au

**Surf Life Saving NSW**  
(02) 9984 7188 or  
surflifesaving.com.au

**Surf Life Saving QLD**  
(07) 3846 8000 or  
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**Life Saving Victoria**  
(03) 9676 6900 or  
lifesavingvictoria.com.au

**Surf Life Saving SA**  
(08) 8354 6900 or  
surfrescue.com.au

**Surf Life Saving WA**  
(08) 9243 9444 or  
mybeach.com.au

**Surf Life Saving TAS**  
(03) 6223 5555 or  
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(08) 8985 6588 or  
lifesavingnt.com.au

Or contact your local surf life saving club.