

SHARK SAFETY



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FACTSHEET NO. 7

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GENERAL

- Remember that sharks and other marine creatures are a natural part of the marine environment.
- The lifesaving patrols (and Shark Control Equipment where in place) are there for your safety, please swim only in patrolled locations.
- The Shark Control Program is run by the Queensland Government's Department of Primary Industries.

SHARKS AND HUMANS

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- Always swim at a patrolled beach and between the flags.
- Leave the water immediately if a shark is sighted.
- Never swim alone.
- Never swim at dawn or dusk or at night.
- Never swim when bleeding.
- Do not swim in murky waters.
- Do not swim near schools of fish.
- Do not swim in canals or near a river mouth.
- Do not swim near, or interfere with, shark control equipment.

For further information please contact Surf Life Saving Queensland on (07) 3846 8000



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IF WE CAN'T SEE YOU, WE CAN'T SAVE YOU
PLEASE SWIM BETWEEN THE FLAGS

Stick your hand up for help.

S

Get a friend to swim with you.

G

Ask a lifesaver for some good advice.

A

Look at the safety signs.

L

Find the flags and swim between them.

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