

# SHARK ATTACK!

- Sharks can detect the heartbeats of other fish.
- Some sharks can detect one part of blood in 100 million parts of water.
- The jaws of an eight-foot shark exert a force of 20 tons per square inch.
- The average shark can swallow anything half its size in one gulp.
- While in a feeding frenzy, some sharks bite their own bodies as they twist and turn.
- Bull sharks have been known to kill hippopotamuses in African rivers.
- Bull sharks have been known to pursue their victims onto land.
- Sharks will continue to attack even when disemboweled.
- Greenland sharks have been observed eating reindeer when they fall through ice.
- Approximately 10 times more men than women are attacked by sharks.
- Mako sharks have been known to jump into the very fishing boats that are pursuing them.
- The Mako Shark is often recognized as the world's speediest shark. It has been clocked at speeds of up to 20 miles an hour (32 kilometers an hour) and can probably swim even faster than that. Makos are fast enough to catch even the fleetest fish, such as tuna and swordfish. A 730-pound Mako shark caught off Bimini in the Bahamas contained in its stomach a 120-pound swordfish with the sword still intact.
- The original idea for steak knives derived from shark teeth.
- Sharks can replace lost teeth in as little as 24 hours and may use thousands of teeth over the course of a lifetime. Lemon sharks grow a whole new set of teeth every two weeks.
- Sharks are known as eating machines. But because many species are cold-blooded, some sharks eat only about 2 percent of their body weight each day. That's a bit less than humans typically eat.
- Anyone who has swum in New Smyrna Beach, Florida (shark capital of the world) has likely been within 10 feet of a shark.
- Swimmers and waders accounted for 38% of all attacks in 2010 while snorkelers and divers accounted for 8% of all attacks.
- You are most likely to be attacked by sharks between the hours of 11 AM and 6 PM. Only because more people go swimming between these times.
- Each year there are about 50 to 70 confirmed shark attacks and 5 to 15 shark-attack fatalities around the world. The numbers have risen over the past several decades but not because sharks are more aggressive: Humans have simply taken to coastal waters in increasing numbers.
- In 1996, toilets injured 43,000 Americans. Sharks injured 13.
- For every human killed by a shark, humans kill approximately two million sharks.
- Coconuts kill more people each year than sharks (around 150 people.)
- Compare the amount of shark attack fatalities to that of other incidents.  
Odds of dying from: Falling - 1 in 229  
Car Crash - 1 in 228  
Gun Fire - 1 in 315  
Lightning Strikes - 1 in 56,439  
Shark Attack - **1 in 251,800,000**