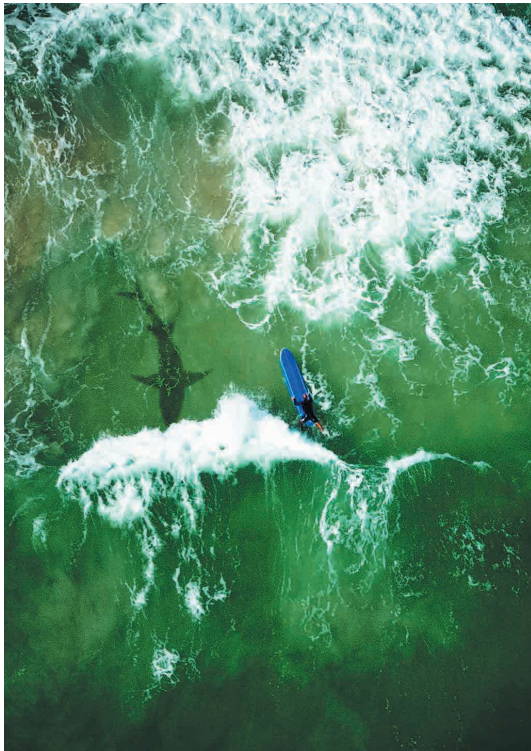


Be SharkSmart

Shark attacks in Victoria are uncommon and there have been no fatalities in this state since 1987.

While the risk of a shark attack is extremely low, it is important to be mindful of sharks when entering the water.



Following a few simple shark smart tips will keep you safer this summer.



Sharks are a part of a healthy marine environment.

Be SharkSmart

There are a number of things you can do to reduce the risk of encountering sharks:

- 1.** Always swim, dive or surf with a friend.
- 2.** Keep informed of the latest sightings at www.emergency.vic.gov.au.
- 3.** Swim between the red and yellow flags on patrolled beaches where possible.
- 4.** Avoid areas that attract sharks such as:
 - a. where natural food sources of sharks live, e.g. seals
 - b. where fishing waste is being disposed of
 - c. places where human and animal waste enters the water.
- 5.** Watch for signs of unusual behaviour in wildlife or fish. This can indicate a shark is in the area.
- 6.** Help others be informed. Learn more at www.vfa.vic.gov.au/shark-smart.

Report a shark sighting

You should report shark sightings of concern to **'131 444'** or notify lifesavers immediately if you are at a patrolled beach.

Please provide the following information:

- Date & time of sighting
- Location, be as specific as possible
- The type of shark and size, if known
- Your details so the report can be followed up.

In the event of an attack, call **'000'** immediately and ask for the ambulance service.