

# young times

Safe to go back in the water?

## What to do if a shark attacks you

- Try to remain calm. You cannot outswim a shark — and sharks can sense fear.
- Keep your eye on the shark at all times. Sharks may disappear and then try to sneak up on you.
- Try to get out of the water by swimming smoothly. Don't thrash around and don't scream — it may provoke the shark.
- If you can't get away, try to punch it hard on the gills, eyes or tip of the nose.
- Sharks find it hard to bite things that are vertical, so try to keep your limbs in line.



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A 13-year-old girl was rescued from the jaws of a great white shark this week. Are such attacks on the increase?

**Chloe Lambert** investigates

Surfers and swimmers in Australia are on the alert after three people were attacked by sharks in 48 hours.

One of the victims was 13-year-old Hannah Mighall, who was surfing on Sunday when a great white shark five metres long clamped its teeth on her leg and dragged her underwater. Luckily, her cousin managed to punch the shark in the nose and drag her from its jaws. She is now in a stable condition in hospital.

Shark attacks are still extremely rare in Australia. The Government there said this week that you are more likely to die driving to the beach than from a shark bite. However, reports of the attacks have sent some Aussies into a panic.

Michael Brown, the director of Surfwatch Australia, said that he had seen an 80 per cent increase in sharks along the New South Wales coast. "They are here to feed. People should be cautious," he said. He added that there were probably more sharks in the area because they were feeding on baitfish. Populations of baitfish have risen because of a recent increase in nutrients in the sea along Australia's east coast.

However, some experts say that there is no real cause for alarm, claiming that the three attacks were a coincidence. Only two people were killed by sharks last year in Australia.

## PUZZLES

### Dingbat

Which word or phrase is this? Say what you see



Yesterday's answer Checkmate

### Jokes of the day

**What do you call a man with a seagull on his head?**  
Cliff!

**Why did the clock get ill?**  
It was run down!

### Puzzle of the day: codes

If ROO is 122 and TIGGER is 345561, how quickly can you work out these other Winnie-the-Pooh words? You should identify more letters as you go along.

- 1667216
- 282967
- 310228 116121
- 410451463
- 58159161616
- 121716 182216

Yesterday's conundrum Sir Isaac Newton

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