

## 12 Tips for Avoiding Shark Bites in South Florida

1. Swim in a group, because a shark is most likely to attack a solo swimmer.	2. Stick close to shore where you are able to see the bottom of the ocean.	3. Don't swim at dawn, dusk or in the middle of the night.
4. Don't go into the water if you are actively bleeding.	5. Don't wear shiny jewelry or a silver, reflective bathing suit.	6. Avoid water that has floating sewage.
7. Avoid swimming in water where people are actively fishing.	8. If you see sharks, stay out of the water.	9. Don't make erratic movements in the water.
10. Porpoises present in the water <i>does not mean</i> there are no sharks nearby.	11. If you do see a shark, don't try to touch it.	12. If you are attacked, fight!

- -18 shark attacks have been reported in the United States this year.
- -6 of the shark attacks reported were located in Florida.

-11 of 57 reported shark attacks worldwide were considered provoked.