

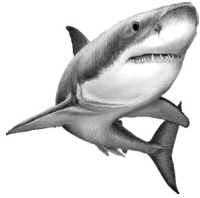
# Water Safety



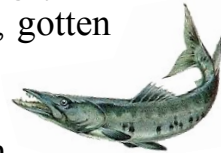
## Lesson 2 Down Under Dangers

Being safe in the water means you need to see what you're getting yourself into (or maybe close to.) That's not easy to do without the help of a diving mask or the advice of someone who has seen it for himself. Be aware of dangers below and always be careful! LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP!!!

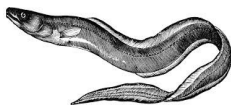
### **Sharks, Cudas, and "others dat want ta chew ya":** You always want to avoid



any creatures (on land or sea) that may bite you. Whether spiders, snakes, or sharks, most often they are not wanting you for 'dinner'. It is just that you have come upon them, gotten in their way, disrupted what they were doing, and they just want you to leave. To them we taste



terrible!! So, make your apology and quietly leave (doing so with slow, un-threatening movement!) Be sure not to attract sea predators with loud splashing or bright, shiny objects (such as rings, bracelets or watches.) If they try



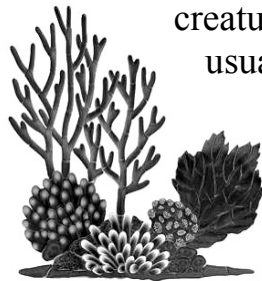
to bite, it will be that thing (not you) they want! Most importantly, stay out of the water at 'dinner time'!! Early morning (or late afternoon and evening) when the sun

is low and the water is cooler makes these guys hungry, and you harder to recognize from their favorite food! Fisherman cleaning their catch attract them so stay out of the water then!



### **Things That Sting: Corals and Jellies** Corals and coral reefs are beautiful and

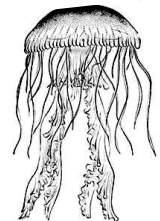
full of life. However, the coral itself is a living creature (or a vast collection of creatures) who has had to devise a strategy for self protection. That



usually means things that scratch or sting (maybe both!) Be careful near them!! Most injuries to swimmers is accidental. If you get

hurt, be sure to clean thoroughly (removing any barbs that may have attached). Then soothe with Aloe or other ointment made for such injury.

Also, be alert for jellyfish (some are quite tiny!)



Get out of the water if they show up in large numbers. Their sting has been known to knock an allergic person unconscious!

**Practice  
what you  
know**

"...whoso putteth \_\_\_\_\_  
the Lord shall be \_\_\_\_\_." (Isaiah 40: \_\_\_\_\_)

"Being safe is no \_\_\_\_\_."