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New Yorkers vs Sharks



Fatal shark attacks are incredibly rare – the odds of being attacked by a shark in the U.S. is 1 in 11.5 million, and the chance of being killed by a bite is less than 1 in 264.1 million. In New York alone, people are bitten 10 times more each year by other people than worldwide by sharks. You're far more likely to die in a car crash on the way to the beach than you are to be actually killed by a shark. In fact, sharks have much more to fear from human beings than the other way around. Each year, fishermen kill as many as 73 million sharks, often with a view to cutting off their fins for shark-fin soup, a popular delicacy in much of Asia. On top of that, tens of millions sharks die accidentally each year because of **fishing gear set** for other species. So if you're keeping track in the sharks-vs.-humans war, the tally is Humans: 100 million (or so), Sharks: 7 (that's the number of human beings killed in unprovoked shark attacks last year). Sharks may be nature's most formidable predator, evolved over 400 million years to hunt. Yet, even in the oceans we're the real mindless killing machines.

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