

Safe Handling of Stingrays

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One of the greatest Health and Safety issues in public aquariums is the safe handling of stingrays. There have been many serious injuries including one fatality in public aquariums.

The anatomy of the stingray barb and its venom will be presented. We will examine a variety of safe handling techniques and personal protection equipment (PPE) as well a prototype device designed to cover the barb during handling and to protect aquarists.