



## The escape artist

An octopus is hard to keep! It can squeeze out of a hole the size of its eye. Its arms can open doors or loosen bolts. An octopus may not look smart, but it's a clever animal.

Aquarium experts usually lock the octopus tanks and place heavy weights on top of the lids. Even leaving a thin space between the sides of the tank and the lid is a mistake. Many stories are told of octopuses slipping into other tanks for a midnight snack on shellfish!

At one large aquarium, an octopus the size of a fist was found in a hallway late at night. No one knows how the octopus got there or which tank it was calling home. It may have hidden in a bumpy rock as a tiny baby and only came out to explore when no one was looking!