

YOU FOUND A SNAKE! NOW WHAT? SNAKES OF THE EAST RAND

IN THE EVENT OF A SNAKEBITE

- Do not cut and suck, apply electric shock, use ice/very hot water, give the victim alcohol, apply a tourniquet or other similar total restriction.
- Calm the victim down, immobilise and transport to nearest medical facility, preferably with a trauma unit.
- If the victim stops breathing apply artificial respiration or cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
- ONLY a doctor should apply anti-venom.
- In the event of being spat in the eyes, rinse under running water for nothing less than 20 minutes.
- Seek medical assistance.

The Southern African region has approximately 170 different types of snakes of which more than half of them are technically venomous, but only 13 species are considered potentially deadly.

On the East Rand, we have about 18 species with 10 of them being non venomous, 5 mildly venomous, 2 venomous with caution advised and one being potentially deadly.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU SEE A SNAKE

- Do not approach the snake, attempt to catch it, corner it or kill it as that would increase your chances of being bitten by up to 80%.
- Remain a safe distance of nothing less than 5 meters, call a snake remover and keep your eyes on the snake until the remover arrives.

PREVENTING SNAKES

- There are no chemicals, plants or devices that prevents snakes from accessing your property.
- Snake Repellant, condis crystals, old diesel, Jeyes Fluid, home made remedies, repellents sold at stores, wild garlic plants, Geraniums etc are all fallacies.
- Keep your premises clean from clutter due to building rubble, garden rubble, overgrowth etc.
- Keep food waste that attracts rodents clean and note that ponds and tropical garden set ups attract toads, both feeder animals for snakes.
- Close openings and cavities that can provide for hides/shelter for snakes

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PETER'S THREAD SNAKE -
Leptotyphlops scutifrons scutifrons



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DELALANDE'S BEAKED BLIND SNAKE -
Rhinotyphlops lalande



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BIBRON'S BLIND SNAKE -
Afrotiphlops bibronii



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COMMON SLUG-EATER -
Duberia lutrix lutrix



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RHOMBIC EGG-EATER -
Dasyphlops scabra



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COMMON WOLF SNAKE -
Lycophidion capense



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COMMON BROWN WATER SNAKE -
Lycodonomorphus rufulus



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JUVENILE AURORA HOUSE SNAKE -
Lamprophis aurora



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ADULT AURORA HOUSE SNAKE -
Lamprophis aurora



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BROWN HOUSE SNAKE -
Boaedon capensis



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JUVENILE MOLE SNAKE -
Pseudaspis cana

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CAN INFLICT
NASTY BITE



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ADULT MOLE SNAKE - (Can inflict Nasty Bite)
Pseudaspis cana

MILDLY VENOMOUS



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BLACK HEADED CENTIPEDE EATER -
Aparallactus capensis

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HERALD or RED-LIPPED HERALD SNAKE -
Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia

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SPOTTED SKAAPSTEKER -
Psammophylax rhombeatus

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CROSS MARKED SAND SNAKE -
Psammophis crucifer

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SHORT SNOUTED SAND SNAKE -
Psammophis brevirostris

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JUVENILE HIGHVELD GARTER SNAKE -
Elapsoidea sundevallii media

POTENTIALLY DEADLY



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RINKHALS -
Hemachatus haemachatus

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HIGHVELD GARTER SNAKE -
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RHOMBIC NIGHT ADDER -
Causus rhombeatus