

COMMON SNAKES OF PORT ELIZABETH



VERY DANGEROUS

Has caused human fatalities

DANGEROUS

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom

MILDLY VENOMOUS

Not thought to be harmful

HARMLESS

Not dangerous to humans



VERY DANGEROUS

Cape Cobra
(*Naja nivea*)



VERY DANGEROUS

Rinkhals - banded phase
(*Hemachatus haemachatus*)



VERY DANGEROUS

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans arietans*)



DANGEROUS

Rhombic Night Adder
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



VERY DANGEROUS

Cape Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus typus*)



VERY DANGEROUS

Cape Boomslang - female
(*Dispholidus typus typus*)



HARMLESS

Green Water Snake
(*Philothamnus hoplogaster*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Cross-marked Grass Snake
(*Psammophis crucifer*)



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



HARMLESS

Aurora House Snake
(*Lamprophis aurora*)



HARMLESS

Olive Snake
(*Lycodonomorphus inornatus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Herald or Red-lipped Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Spotted Skaapsteker
(*Psammophylax rhombeatus*)



HARMLESS

Rhombic Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



CAN INFLICT A NASTY BITE

Mole Snake
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



HARMLESS

Cape Wolf Snake
(*Lycophidion capense capense*)



HARMLESS

Common Brown Water Snake
(*Lycodonomorphus rufulus*) Photo Tyrone Ping



HARMLESS

Common Slug-eater
(*Duberria lutrix lutrix*)



HARMLESS

Delalande's Beaked Blind Snake
(*Rhynchophis lalandei*)

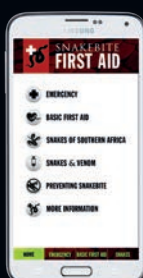


HARMLESS

Western Natal Green Snake
(*Philothamnus natalensis occidentalis*)

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