

COMMON SNAKES OF WINDHOEK

Problem snake removal – call Mike Böttger 0811297304 or Francois Theart 0812900343



Windhoek has a great variety of snakes with most of them not considered dangerous. Two species can inflict painful bites while five are considered very dangerous.

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



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Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans arietans*)



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Zebra Cobra
(*Naja nigricincta nigricincta*)



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Anchieta's Cobra
(*Naja anchietae*)



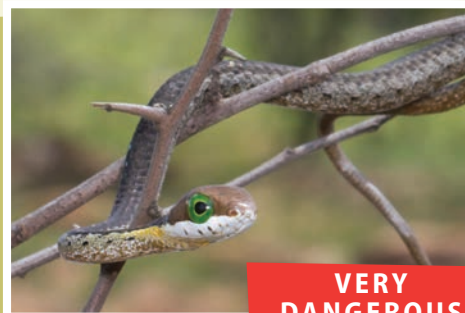
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Common Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus viridis*)



VERY DANGEROUS

Common Boomslang - female
(*Dispholidus typus viridis*) Photo André Coetzer



VERY DANGEROUS

Common Boomslang - juvenile
(*Dispholidus typus viridis*)



VERY DANGEROUS

Black Mamba
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Western Yellow-bellied Sand Snake
(*Psammophis subtaeniatus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Leopard Sand Snake
(*Psammophis leopardinus*)



HARMLESS

Spotted Bush Snake
(*Philothamnus semivariegatus*)



DANGEROUS

Bibron's Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis bibronii*) Photo Warren Dick



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



HARMLESS

Rhombic Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



CAN INFLICT A NASTY BITE

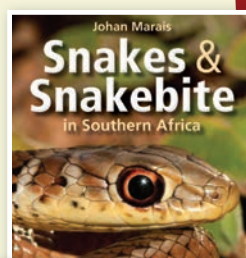
Southern African Python
(*Python natalensis*)



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Mole Snake
(*Pseudaspis cana*)

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EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

IN THE EVENT OF A SNAKE BITE

- 1 Keep the victim calm, immobilized and transport the victim to the closest hospital **without delay**.
- 2 If the victim stops breathing, resort to artificial respiration or make use of a Bag Valve Mask.
- 3 In a snakebite emergency call Dr. P.J.C. Buys: +264 81 127 5109.

DO NOT

- ... apply a tourniquet.
- ... cut and suck the wound.
- ... use ice or very hot water.
- ... give the victim alcohol.
- ... apply electric shock.
- ... inject antivenom randomly.

Antivenom (if required) must be administered by a doctor in a hospital environment.

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