

COMMON SNAKES OF DINOKENG



Dinokeng has thirty different types of snakes recorded. Seven species are considered medically significant

VERY DANGEROUS

Has caused human fatalities

DANGEROUS

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom

MILDLY VENOMOUS

Not thought to be harmful to humans

HARMLES

Not dangerous to humans



Black Mamba
Dendroaspis polylepis

VERY DANGEROUS



Snouted Cobra
Naja annulifera

VERY DANGEROUS



Mozambique Spitting Cobra
Naja mossambica

VERY DANGEROUS



Puff Adder
Bitis arietans

VERY DANGEROUS



Boomslang - male
Dispholidus typus

VERY DANGEROUS



Southern Twig Snake
Thelotornis capensis

VERY DANGEROUS



Bibron's Stiletto Snake
Atractaspis bibronii

DANGEROUS



Southern African Python
Python natalensis

CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE



Eastern Tiger Snake
Telescopus semiannulatus

MILDLY VENOMOUS



Short-snouted Grass Snake
Psammophis brevirostris

MILDLY VENOMOUS



Herald Snake
Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia

MILDLY VENOMOUS



Spotted Bush Snake
Philothamnus semivariegatus

HARMLES



Common Wolf Snake
Lycophidion capense

HARMLES



Brown House Snake
Boaedon capensis

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Rhombic Egg-eater
Dasypeltis scabra

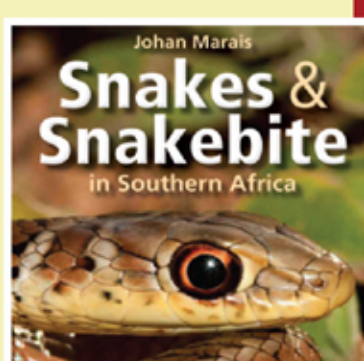
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Bibron's Beaked Blind Snake
Afrotyphlops bibronii

HARMLES

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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 Call the Poison Information Centre help-line for further advice: 0861 555 777.

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.