

# COMMON SNAKES OF MATJIESRIVIER NATURE RESERVE



## VERY DANGEROUS

Has caused human fatalities

## DANGEROUS

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom

## MILDLY VENOMOUS

Not thought to be harmful to humans

## HARMLESS

Not dangerous to humans



**VERY DANGEROUS**

**Cape Cobra**  
(*Naja nivea*)



**VERY DANGEROUS**

**Black Spitting Cobra**  
(*Naja nigricincta woodi*)



**DANGEROUS**

**Cape Coral Snake**  
(*Aspidelaps l. lubricus*)



**VERY DANGEROUS**

**Boomslang - male**  
(*Dispholidus typus*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Beetz's Tiger Snake**  
(*Telescopus beetzii*)



**DANGEROUS**

**Red Adder - red form**  
(*Bitis rubida*)



**DANGEROUS**

**Red Adder - patterned form**  
(*Bitis rubida*)



**VERY DANGEROUS**

**Puff Adder**  
(*Bitis arietans*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Karoo Sand Snake**  
(*Psammophis notostictus*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Spotted Skaapsteker**  
(*Psammophylax rhombeatus*)



**HARMLESS**

**Spotted Rock Snake**  
(*Lamprophis guttatus*)



**HARMLESS**

**Sundevall's Shovel-snout**  
(*Prosymna sundevalli*)



**HARMLESS**

**Brown Water Snake**  
(*Lycodonomorphus rufulus*)



**HARMLESS**

**Brown House Snake**  
(*Boaedon capensis*)



**HARMLESS**

**Rhombic Egg-eater**  
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



**HARMLESS**

**Delelance's Beaked Blind Snake**  
(*Rhinotyphlops lalandei*) - photo Luke Kemp

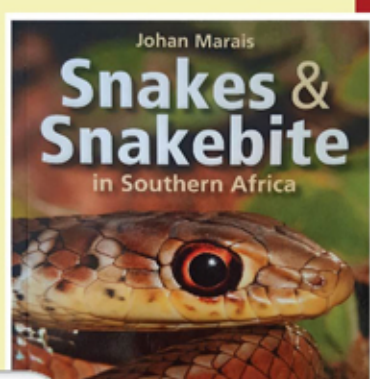
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## EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

### 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.