

COMMON SNAKES OF GROTTO BAY



Grotto Bay has around seventeen species of snakes.

Two snakes are highly venomous. Another three may give a painful bite. Five species are only mildly venomous and seven snake species are harmless.

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

Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus*)



VERY DANGEROUS

Boomslang - female
(*Dispholidus typus*)



DANGEROUS

Southern Adder
(*Bitis armata*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Cape Sand Snake
(*Psammophis leightoni*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Cross-marked Grass Snake
(*Psammophis crucifer*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Spotted Skaapsteker
(*Psammophylax rhombeatus*)



DANGEROUS

Spotted Harlequin Snake
(*Homoroselaps lacteus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Karoo Sand Snake
(*Psammophis notostictus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Herald Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE

Mole Snake
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



HARMLESS

Common Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



HARMLESS

Brown Water Snake
(*Lycodonomorphus rufulus*)



HARMLESS

Common Slug-eater
(*Duberria lutrix*)



HARMLESS

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



HARMLESS

Black Thread Snake
(*Leptotyphlops nigricans*)

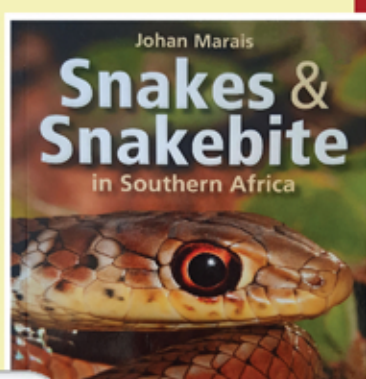
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EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

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.