# COMMON SNAKES OF AUGRABIES



Augrabies has around 20 different species of snakes. Three species are highly venomous. Another three can deliver a painful bite. Eight are mildly venomous and another seven are harmless to humans.

**HIGHLY VENOMOUS** 

Has caused human fatalities **VENOMOUS** 

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom

**MILDLY VENOMOUS** 

Not thought to be harmful to humans **HARMLESS** 

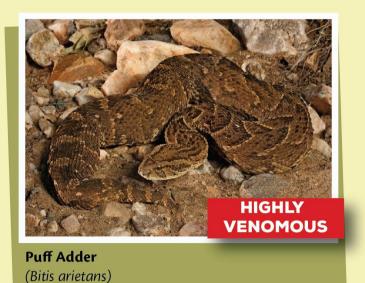
Not dangerous to humans





(Naja nigricincta woodi)

(Bitis caudalis)

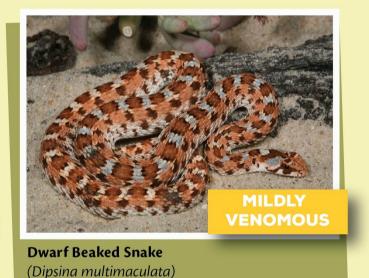


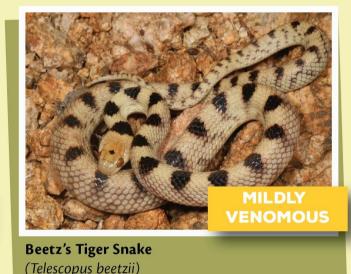


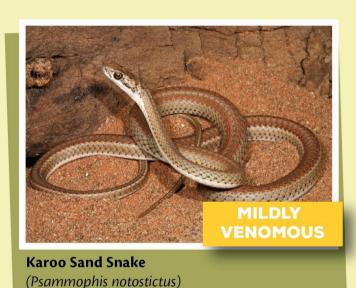
VENOMOUS **Desert Mountain Adder** 

(Bitis xeropaga)

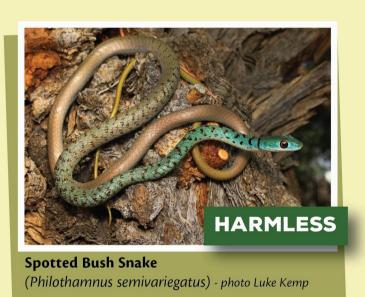
**VENOMOUS Horned Adder** 





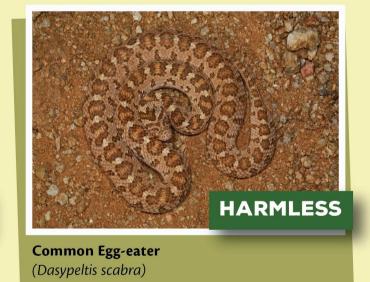


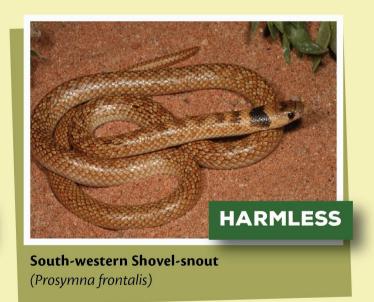


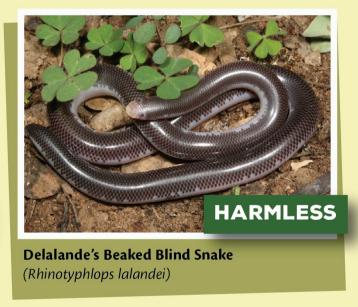










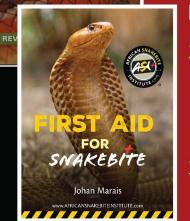


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## EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

#### 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 helpline 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.