

COMMON SNAKES OF HEIDELBERG, GP



Heidelberg has around 25 species of snakes. Two species are considered highly venomous, and another two are venomous. One species can give a bad bite. Eight species are mildly venomous and twelve other species are harmless to humans.

HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Has caused human fatalities.

VENOMOUS

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom.

MILDLY VENOMOUS

Not thought to be harmless to humans.

HARMLESS

Not dangerous to humans.



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Rinkhals
(*Hemachatus haemachatus*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



VENOMOUS

Common Night Adder
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



VENOMOUS

Bibron's Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Spotted Skaapsteker
(*Psammophylax rhombeatus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Cross-marked Grass Snake
(*Psammophis crucifer*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Herald Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*) - photo Luke Kemp



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Black-headed Centipede-eater
(*Aparallactus capensis*)



CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE

Mole Snake - adult
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



HARMLESS

Mole Snake - juvenile
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



HARMLESS

Aurora House Snake
(*Lamprophis aurora*)



HARMLESS

Brown Water Snake
(*Lycodonmorphus rufulus*)



HARMLESS

Common Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



HARMLESS

Common Slug-eater
(*Duberria lutrix*)



HARMLESS

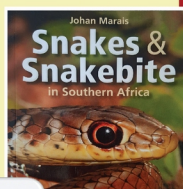
Bibron's Blind Snake
(*Afrotyphlops bibronii*)

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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.