

COMMON SNAKES OF ASSEGAAIBOSCH NATURE RESERVE



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

HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Cape Cobra - adult
(*Naja nivea*)

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Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)

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Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus*)

MILDLY VENOMOUS

Spotted Harlequin Snake
(*Homoroselaps lacteus*)

MILDLY VENOMOUS

Karoo Sand Snake
(*Psammophis notostictus*)

MILDLY VENOMOUS

Cross-marked Grass Snake
(*Psammophis crucifer*)

MILDLY VENOMOUS

Spotted Skaapsteker
(*Psammophylax rhombeatus*)

CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE

Mole Snake
(*Pseudaspis cana*)

HARMLESS

Brown Water Snake
(*Lycodonomorphus rufulus*)

HARMLESS

Olive Snake
(*Lycodonomorphus inornatus*)

HARMLESS

Aurora Snake
(*Lamprophis aurara*)

HARMLESS

Spotted Rock Snake
(*Lamprophis guttatus*)

HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)

HARMLESS

Rhombic Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)

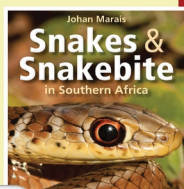
HARMLESS

Common Slug-eater
(*Duberria lutrix*)

HARMLESS

Flowerpot Snake
(*Indotyphlops braminus*)

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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.