

# COMMON SNAKES OF DULLSTROOM



Dullstroom has around 23 species of snakes. Two species are highly venomous and another one is venomous. Seven species are mildly venomous and another one can inflict a nasty bite. The other twelve species are harmless.

## HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Has caused human fatalities

## VENOMOUS

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom

## MILDLY VENOMOUS

Not thought to be harmful

## HARMLESS

Not dangerous to humans



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

Rinkhals  
(*Hemachatus haemachatus*)



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

Puff Adder  
(*Bitis arietans*)



**VENOMOUS**

Common Night Adder  
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

Spotted Harlequin Snake - Eastern Form  
(*Homoroselaps lacteus*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

Herald Snake  
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*) - Photo: Luke Kemp



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

Many-spotted Reed Snake  
(*Amplorhinus multimaculatus*)



**CAN INFLECT A PAINFUL BITE**

Mole Snake - Adult  
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



**HARMLESS**

Mole Snake - Juvenile  
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

Spotted Skaapsteker  
(*Psammophylax rhombeatus*)



**HARMLESS**

Brown House Snake  
(*Boaedon capensis*) - Photo: Luke Kemp



**HARMLESS**

Brown Water Snake  
(*Lycodonomorphus rufulus*)



**HARMLESS**

Olive Snake  
(*Lycodonomorphus inornatus*)



**HARMLESS**

Western Natal Green Snake  
(*Philothamnus occidentalis*)



**HARMLESS**

Common Egg-eater  
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



**HARMLESS**

Common Slug-eater  
(*Duberria lutrix*)



**HARMLESS**

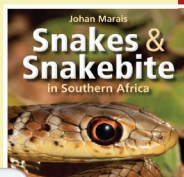
Bibron's Blind Snake  
(*Afrotrophops bibronii*)

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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.