

# COMMON SNAKES OF HOTTENTOTS HOLLANDS 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



**Cape Cobra**  
(*Naja nivea*)



**Rinkhals**  
(*Hemachatus haemachatus*)



**Boomslang - male**  
(*Dispholidus typus*)



**Puff Adder**  
(*Bitis arietans*)



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



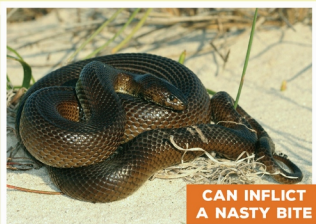
**Many-spotted Reed Snake**  
(*Amplorhinus multimaculatus*)



**Spotted Harlequin Snake**  
(*Homoroselaps lacteus*)



**Berg Adder**  
(*Bitis atropos*)



**Mole Snake**  
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



**Spotted Skaapsteker**  
(*Psammophylax rhombeatus*)



**Karoo Sand Snake**  
(*Psammophis notostictus*)



**Cross-marked Grass Snake**  
(*Psammophis crucifer*)



**Brown Water Snake**  
(*Lycodonomorphus rufulus*)



**Olive Snake**  
(*Lycophidion inornatus*)

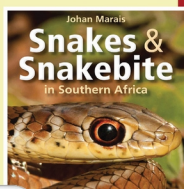


**Aurora House Snake**  
(*Lamprophis aurora*)



**Common Slug-eater**  
(*Duberria lutrix*)

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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.