

# COMMON SNAKES OF DINOKENG



Dinokeng has thirty different types of snakes recorded. Seven species are considered medically significant.

**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**

**Black Mamba**  
*Dendroaspis polylepis*



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

**Snouted Cobra**  
*Naja annulifera*



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

**Mozambique Spitting Cobra**  
*Naja mossambica*



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

**Puff Adder**  
*Bitis arietans*



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

**Boomslang - male**  
*Dispholidus typus*



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

**Southern Twig Snake**  
*Thelotornis capensis*



**VENOMOUS**

**Bibron's Stiletto Snake**  
*Atractaspis bibronii*



**CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE**

**Southern African Python**  
*Python natalensis*



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Eastern Tiger Snake**  
*Telescopus semiannulatus*



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Short-snouted Grass Snake**  
*Psammodromus brevirostris*



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Herald Snake**  
*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*



**HARMLESS**

**Spotted Bush Snake**  
*Philothamnus semivariegatus*



**HARMLESS**

**Common Wolf Snake**  
*Lycophidion capense*



**HARMLESS**

**Brown House Snake**  
*Boaedon capensis*



**HARMLESS**

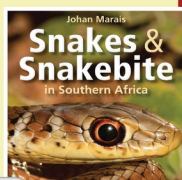
**Rhombic Egg-eater**  
*Dasypeltis scabra*



**HARMLESS**

**Bibron's Beaked 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.