

# COMMON SNAKES OF HAZYVIEW



There are 37 snake species recorded for the greater Hazyview region. The majority of these snakes are harmless or mildly venomous. This poster contains the medically important and common snakes of the area.

## 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**

**Boomslang**  
(*Dispholidus typus*)



**VENOMOUS**

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



**VENOMOUS**

**Snouted Night Adder**  
(*Causus defilippii*)



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

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



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

**Southern Vine Snake**  
(*Thelotornis capensis*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Eastern Tiger Snake**  
(*Teloscopus semiannulatus*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Common Purple-glossed Snake**  
(*Amblyodipsas polylepis*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Herald Snake**  
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Olive Grass Snake**  
(*Psammophis mossambicus*)



**CAN INFLICT A NASTY BITE**

**Southern African Python**  
(*Python natalensis*)



**HARMLESS**

**Brown House Snake**  
(*Boaedon capensis*)



**HARMLESS**

**Rhombic Egg-eater**  
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



**HARMLESS**

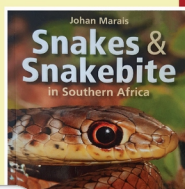
**Schlegel's Blind Snake**  
(*Afrotyphlops schlegelii*)

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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.