

COMMON SNAKES OF GREYTON



Greyton has twenty two species of snakes recorded for the area. Three species are highly venomous. A further three species can give a nasty bite that may require medical attention. Six species are only mildly venomous and pose little threat to humans. Eleven species are harmless to humans.

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

HIGHLY VENOMOUS



Boomslang - male
Dispholidus typus

HIGHLY VENOMOUS



Puff Adder
Bitis arietans

HIGHLY VENOMOUS



Berg Adder
Bitis atropos

VENOMOUS



Spotted Skaapsteker
Psammophylax rhombatus

MILDLY VENOMOUS



Herald Snake
Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia

MILDLY VENOMOUS



Mole Snake
Pseudaspis cana

CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE



Spotted Harlequin Snake
Homoroselaps lacteus

VENOMOUS



Karoo Sand Snake
Psammophis notostictus

MILDLY VENOMOUS



Cross-marked Grass Snake
Psammophis crucifer

MILDLY VENOMOUS



Brown Water Snake
Lycodonomorphus rufulus

HARMLESS



Olive Snake
Lycodonomorphus inornatus

HARMLESS



Brown House Snake
Boaedon capensis

HARMLESS



Aurora House Snake
Lamprophis aurora

HARMLESS



Rhombic Egg-eater
Dasypeltis scabra

HARMLESS



Common Slug-eater
Duberria lutrix

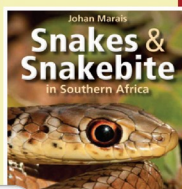
HARMLESS

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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.