

# COMMON SNAKES OF KAKAMAS



Kakamas has around eighteen species of snakes. Three species are considered highly venomous. Three species can give a bad bite. Four species are mildly venomous and another eight 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



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

Cape Cobra  
(*Naja nivea*)



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

Cape Cobra - juvenile  
(*Naja nivea*)



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

Black Spitting Cobra  
(*Naja nigricincta woodi*)



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

Puff Adder  
(*Bitis arietans*)



**VENOMOUS**

Horned Adder  
(*Bitis caudalis*)



**VENOMOUS**

Cape Coral Snake  
(*Aspidelaps lubricus*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

Fork-marked Sand Snake  
(*Psammophis trinasalis*)



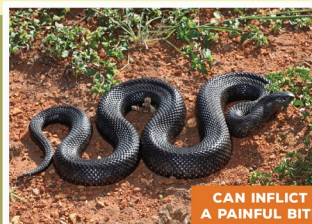
**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

Karoo Sand Snake  
(*Psammophis notostictus*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

Dwarf Beaked Snake  
(*Dipsina multimaculata*)



**CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE**

Mole Snake  
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

Beetz's Tiger Snake  
(*Telescopus beetzi*)



**HARMLESS**

Bug-eyed House Snake  
(*Boaedon mentalis*)



**HARMLESS**

Spotted Bush Snake  
(*Philothamnus semivariatus*) - photo Luke Kemp



**HARMLESS**

Common Egg-eater  
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



**HARMLESS**

South-western Shovel Snout  
(*Prosymna frontalis*)



**HARMLESS**

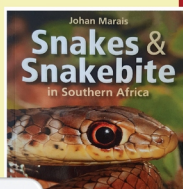
Schinz's Beaked Blind Snake  
(*Rhinotyphlops schinzi*)

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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.