COMMON SNAKES OF LANGEBAAN



Langebaan has around nineteen different species of snakes. Three species are considered highly venomous. Another three may give a bad bite but are not life-threatening. Five are considered mildly venomous and the other eight are completely harmless to humans.

HIGHLY

Has caused human fatalities İ

DANGEROUS

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom

Not thought to be harmful to humans **HARMLESS**

Not dangerous to humans





Boomslang - mal (Dispholidus typus)



(Dispholidus typus)





Herald Snake



Mole Snake - juvenile Pseudaspis cana)



Mole Snake - adult Pseudaspis cana)



Spotted Harlequin Snak



Spotted Skaapsteker



Cross-marked Grass Snake



Karoo Sand Snake



HARMLESS Olive Snake

(Lycodonomorphus inornatus)



Common Slug-eater



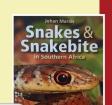


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EMERGENCY PROTOCOL IN THE EVENT OF A SNAKE BITE

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 helpline 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.