

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 VENOMOUS

Has caused human fatalities

DANGEROUS

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

Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Boomslang - female
(*Dispholidus typus*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Herald Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



HARMLESS

Mole Snake - juvenile
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



CAN INFLECT A PAINFUL BITE

Mole Snake - adult
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Spotted Harlequin Snake
(*Homoroselaps lacteus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Spotted Skaapsteker
(*Psammophylax rhombatus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Cross-marked Grass Snake
(*Psammophis crucifer*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Karoo Sand Snake
(*Psammophis notostictus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Leighton's Sand Snake
(*Psammophis leightoni*)



HARMLESS

Olive Snake
(*Lycodononophorus inornatus*)



HARMLESS

Common Slug-eater
(*Duberria lutrix*)



HARMLESS

Common Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



HARMLESS

Delelende's Beaked Blind Snake
(*Rhynchotyphlops lalandei*) - photo Luke Kemp

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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.