

# COMMON SNAKES OF BETTY'S BAY



Betty's Bay has around 18 species of snakes. Three species are considered highly venomous. Two species can give a bad bite. Five species are mildly venomous and the rest 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**

Puff Adder  
(*Bitis arietans*)



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

Boomslang  
(*Dispholidus typus*)



**VENOMOUS**

Berg Adder  
(*Bitis atropos*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

Spotted Harlequin Snake  
(*Homoroselaps lacteus*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

Many-spotted Reed Snake  
(*Amplorhinus multimaculatus*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

Spotted Skaapsteker  
(*Psammophylax rhombeatus*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

Cross-marked Grass Snake  
(*Psammophis crucifer*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

Herald Snake  
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboiea*)



**CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE**

Mole Snake - adult  
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



**HARMLESS**

Mole Snake - juvenile  
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



**HARMLESS**

Olive Snake  
(*Lycodonomorphus inornatus*)



**HARMLESS**

Brown Water Snake  
(*Lycodonomorphus rufulus*)



**HARMLESS**

Common Egg-eater  
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



**HARMLESS**

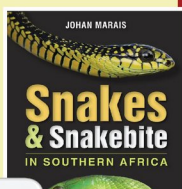
Common Slug-eater  
(*Duberria lutrix*) - photo Luke Kemp



**HARMLESS**

Delalande'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.