

COMMON SNAKES OF GQEBERHA/PORT ELIZABETH



Gqeberha/Port Elizabeth has around 28 species of snakes. Four species are considered highly venomous. Two species can give a bad bite. Five species are mildly venomous. 17 species are harmless to humans.

HIGHLY VENOMOUS	VENOMOUS	MILDLY VENOMOUS	HARMLESS
Has caused human fatalities	Painful bite, but does not require antivenom	Not thought to be harmful to humans	Not dangerous to humans



HIGHLY VENOMOUS
Cape Cobra
(*Naja nivea*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS
Rinkhals
(*Hemachatus haemachatus*)



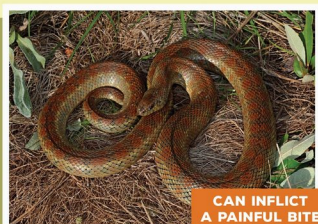
HIGHLY VENOMOUS
Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus*)



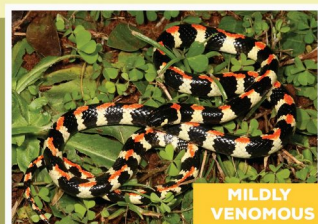
HIGHLY VENOMOUS
Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



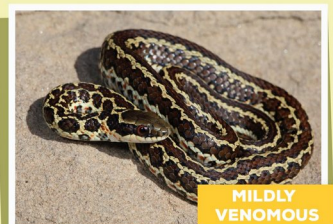
VENOMOUS
Common Night Adder
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



CAN INFLECT A PAINFUL BITE
Mole Snake
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS
Spotted Harlequin Snake
(*Homoroselaps lacteus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS
Spotted Skaapsteker
(*Psammophyllax rhombeatus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS
Herald Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*) - photo Luke Kemp



MILDLY VENOMOUS
Cross-marked Grass Snake
(*Psammophis crucifer*) - Photo Luke Kemp



HARMLESS
Olive Snake
(*Lycodonomorphus inornatus*)



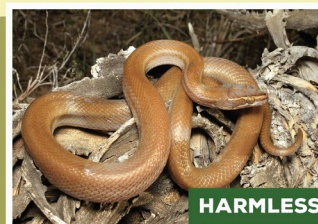
HARMLESS
Brown Water Snake
(*Lycodonomorphus rufulus*)



HARMLESS
Western Natal Green Snake
(*Philothamnus occidentalis*)



HARMLESS
Common Wolf Snake
(*Lycophidion capense*)

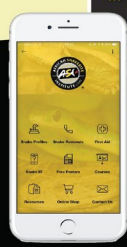
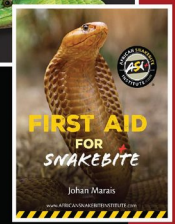
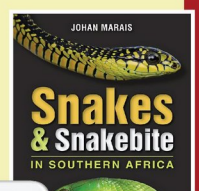


HARMLESS
Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



HARMLESS
Common Slug-eater
(*Duberria lutrix*) - 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 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.