

COMMON SNAKES OF STELLENBOSCH



Stellenbosch has around twenty different types of snakes. Three species are considered highly venomous while another two can give a bad bite. Most snakes encountered are mildly venomous or 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

Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



VENOMOUS

Berg Adder
(*Bitis atropos*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Karoo Sand Snake
(*Psammophis notostictus*)



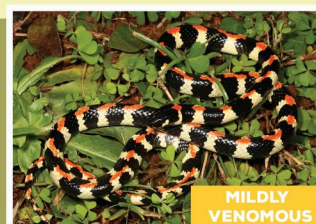
MILDLY VENOMOUS

Cross-marked Grass Snake
(*Psammophis crucifer*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Spotted Skaapsteker
(*Psammophylax rhombeatus*)



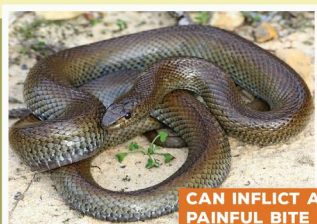
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Spotted Harlequin Snake
(*Homoroselaps lacteus*)



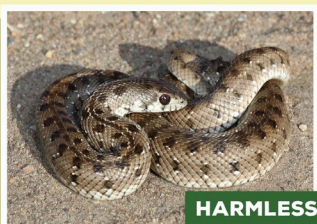
MILDLY VENOMOUS

Herald Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



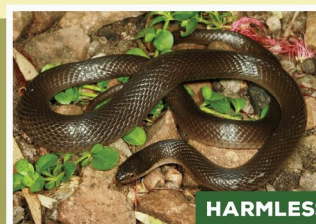
CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE

Mole Snake
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



HARMLESS

Mole Snake - juvenile
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



HARMLESS

Brown Water Snake
(*Lycodonomorphus rufulus*)



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Olive Snake
(*Lycodonomorphus inornatus*)



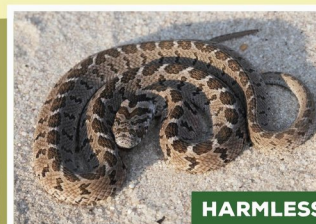
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Aurora House Snake
(*Lamprophis aurora*)



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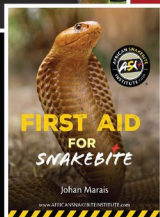
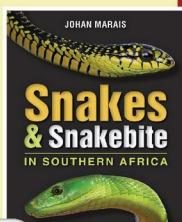
Common Slug-eater
(*Duberria lutrix*) - Photo Luke Kemp



HARMLESS

Common Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)

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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.