

COMMON SNAKES OF UPINGTON



Upington has around twenty species of snakes. Three species are considered highly venomous. Four species can give a bad bite. Five species are mildly venomous and another eight species 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

Cape Cobra - juvenile
(*Naja nivea*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Black Spitting Cobra
(*Naja nigricincta woodi*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



VENOMOUS

Horned Adder
(*Bitis caudalis*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Beetz's Tiger Snake
(*Telescopus beetzii*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Fork-marked Sand Snake
(*Psammophis trinasalis*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Karoo Sand Snake
(*Psammophis notostictus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Dwarf Beaked Snake
(*Dipsina multimaculata*)



CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE

Mole Snake
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



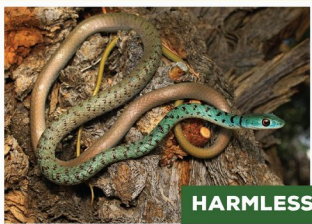
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Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



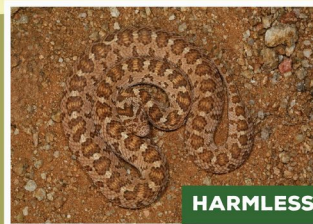
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Bug-eyed House Snake
(*Boaedon mentalis*)



HARMLESS

Spotted Bush Snake
(*Philothamnus semivariiegatus*) - photo Luke Kemp



HARMLESS

Common Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



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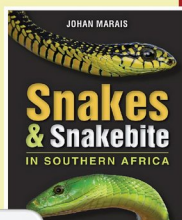
Common Wolf Snake
(*Lycophidion capense*)



HARMLESS

Schinz's Beaked Blind Snake
(*Rhynchophis schinzii*)

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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.