

# COMMON SNAKES OF PORT ALFRED



Port Alfred has around 25 species of snakes. Five species are highly venomous and another two are venomous. Five species are mildly venomous and another one can inflict a nasty bite. The other twelve species are harmless.

## HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Has caused human fatalities

## VENOMOUS

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom

## MILDLY VENOMOUS

Not thought to be harmful

## 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*)



**VENOMOUS**

**Common Night Adder**  
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



**MILDLY  
VENOMOUS**

**Spotted Harlequin Snakes**  
(*Homoroselaps lacteus*) - photo Luke Kemp



**MILDLY  
VENOMOUS**

**Spotted Skaapsteker**  
(*Psammophylax rhombeatus*) - photo Luke Kemp



**MILDLY  
VENOMOUS**

**Cross-marked Grass Snake**  
(*Psammophis crucifer*) - photo Luke Kemp



**MILDLY  
VENOMOUS**

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



**HARMLESS**

**Olive Snake**  
(*Lycodonornorphus inornatus*)



**HARMLESS**

**Brown Water Snake**  
(*Lycodonornorphus rufulus*)



**HARMLESS**

**Common Wolf Snake**  
(*Lycophidion capense*) - photo Luke Kemp



**HARMLESS**

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



**HARMLESS**

**Western Natal Green Snake**  
(*Philothamnus occidentalis*)



**HARMLESS**

**Southern Brown Egg-eater**  
(*Dasypeltis inornata*)



**HARMLESS**

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

**JOHAN MARAIS** is the author of various books on reptiles including the best-seller **A Complete Guide to Snakes of Southern Africa**. He is a popular public speaker and CEO of the African Snakebite Institute. The **African Snakebite Institute (ASI)** offers a variety of courses including Snake Awareness, Scorpion Awareness and Venomous Snake Handling. ASI is accredited by the **International Society of Zoological Sciences (ISZS)** and Travel Doctor-approved service provider. The courses are also accredited by the **Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA)**. ASI is the largest provider of quality snake handling and safety equipment in Africa.

## FREE ASI SNAKES APP

Johan Marais | African Snakebite Institute

+27 82 494 2039 | [johan@asiorg.co.za](mailto:johan@asiorg.co.za)

[www.AFRICANSNAKEBITEINSTITUTE.com](http://www.AFRICANSNAKEBITEINSTITUTE.com)



## 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.

### 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.