## 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



**Cape Cobra** (Naja nivea)



Boomslang - male (Dispholidus typus)



Boomslang - female (Dispholidus typus)



**Puff Adder** (Bitis arietans)



Common Night Adder (Causus rhombeatus)



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



Spotted Skaapsteker (Psammophylax rhombeatus) - photo Luke Kemp



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



Herald Snake (Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia) - photo Luke Kemp



Olive Snake (Lycodonomorphus inornatus)



Brown Water Snake (Lycodonomorphus rufulus)



(Lycophidion capense) - photo Luke Kemp



(Philothamnus semivariegatus) - photo Luke Kemp



Western Natal Green Snake (Philothamnus occidentalis)



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



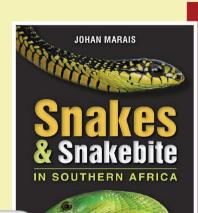
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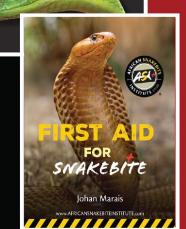
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**EMERGENCY PROTOCOL** 

1 Keep the victim calm, immobilized and transport the victim to the closest hospital without delay.

IN THE EVENT OF A SNAKE BITE

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.