

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 Snake
(*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
(*Lycodonormorphus inornatus*)



HARMLESS

Brown Water Snake
(*Lycodonormorphus 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

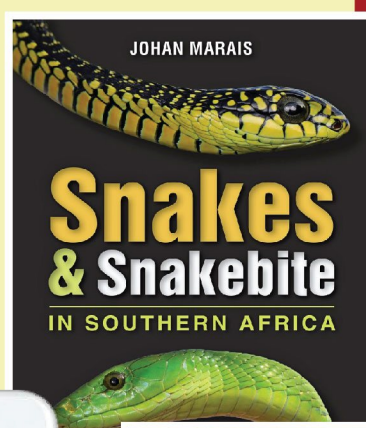
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EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

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.

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.