

COMMON SNAKES OF LANSERIA AIRPORT



Lanseria Airport has around 21 different species of snakes. Two species are considered highly venomous. Another two may give a bad bite and one may require stitches. Six are considered mildly venomous and the rest are completely 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**

Rinkhals
(*Hemachatus haemachatus*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Snouted Cobra
(*Naja annulifera*)



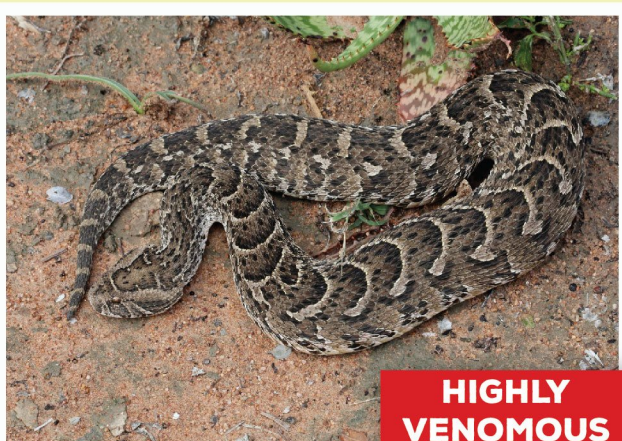
**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Mozambique Spitting Cobra
(*Naja mossambica*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Boomslang
(*Dispholidus typus*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



VENOMOUS

Common Night Adder
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



VENOMOUS

Bibron's Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)



**CAN INFLICT A
PAINFUL BITE**

Mole Snake
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Striped Skaapsteker
(*Psammophylax triaenatus*)



**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Short-snouted Grass Snake
(*Psammophis brevirostris*)



**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

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



HARMLESS

Aurora House Snake
(*Lamprophis aurora*)



HARMLESS

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



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*) - photo Luke Kemp



HARMLESS

Common Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



HARMLESS

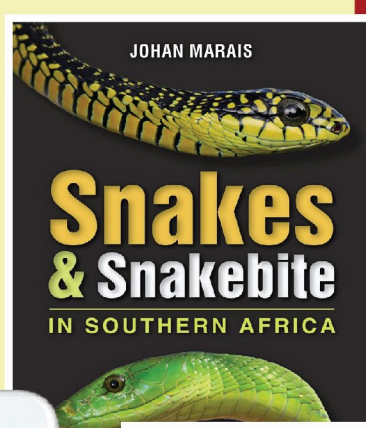
Common Wolf Snake
(*Lycophidion capense*)

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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.