

COMMON SNAKES OF UPINGTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT



Upington International Airport 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*)



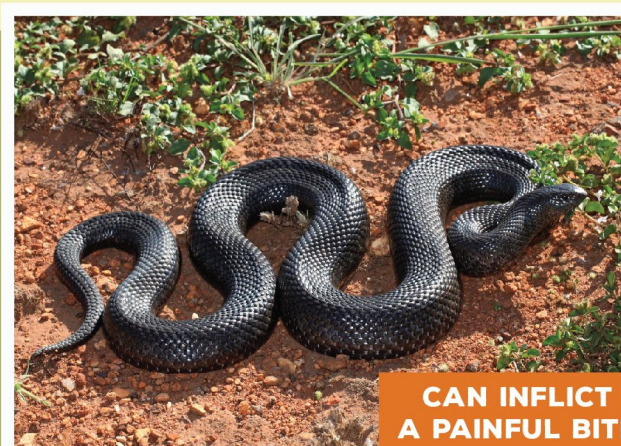
**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Karoo Sand Snake
(*Psammophis notostictus*)



**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Dwarf Beaked Snake
(*Dipsina multimaculata*)



**CAN INFLICT
A PAINFUL BITE**

Mole Snake
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



HARMLESS

Bug-eyed House Snake
(*Boaedon mentalis*)



HARMLESS

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



HARMLESS

Common Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



HARMLESS

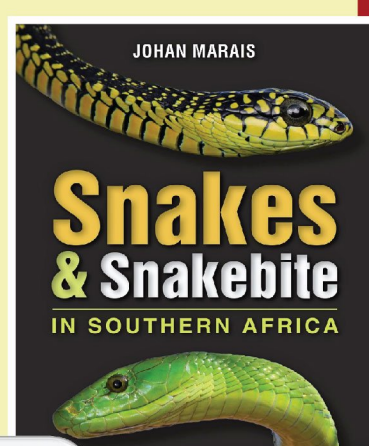
Common Wolf Snake
(*Lycophidion capense*)



HARMLESS

Schinz's Beaked Blind Snake
(*Rhinotyphlops 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.

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.