

COMMON SNAKES OF WORCESTER



Worcester has around 20 species of snakes. Three species are considered highly venomous. Two species can give a bad bite and one other might need stitches. Six species are mildly venomous and 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



Cape Cobra
(*Naja nivea*)

HIGHLY VENOMOUS



Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus*)

HIGHLY VENOMOUS



Boomslang - female
(*Dispholidus typus*)

HIGHLY VENOMOUS



Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)

HIGHLY VENOMOUS



Mole Snake - adult
(*Pseudaspis cana*)

CAN INFLECT A PAINFUL BITE



Mole Snake - juvenile
(*Pseudaspis cana*)

HARMLESS



Spotted Skaapsteker
(*Psammophylax rhombeatus*)

MILDLY VENOMOUS



Karoo Sand Snake
(*Psammophis notostictus*)

MILDLY VENOMOUS



Spotted Harlequin Snake
(*Homoroselaps lacteus*)

MILDLY VENOMOUS



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

MILDLY VENOMOUS



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

HARMLESS



Aurora House Snake
(*Lamprophis aurora*)

HARMLESS



Olive Snake
(*Lycodonomorphus inornatus*)

HARMLESS



Brown Water Snake
(*Lycodonomorphus rufulus*)

HARMLESS



Common Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)

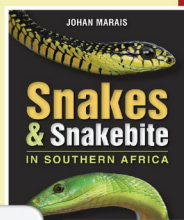
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Common Slug-eater
(*Duberria lutrix*) - Photo Luke Kemp

HARMLESS

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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.
- 3 Call the Poison Information Centre help-line for further advice: 0861 555 777.

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.