

COMMON SNAKES OF HOTAZEL



Hotazel has around twenty three species of snakes in the area. Five species are considered highly venomous while two can inflict a painful bite. Seven species are harmless to humans.

HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Has caused human fatalities

VENOMOUS

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom

MILDLY VENOMOUS

Has caused human fatalities

HARMLESS

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Boomslang
(*Dispholidus typus*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Cape Cobra
(*Naja nivea*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Black Spitting Cobra
(*Naja nigricincta woodi*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



VENOMOUS

Horned Adder
(*Bitis caudalis*)



VENOMOUS

Bibron's Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Eastern Tiger Snake
(*Telescopus semmiannulatus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Dwarf Beaked Snake
(*Dipsina multimaculata*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Fork-marked Sand Snake
(*Psammodius trinasalis*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Short-snouted Grass Snake
(*Psammodius brevirostris*)



CAN INFLECT A PAINFUL BITE

Mole Snake
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



HARMLESS

Common Wolf Snake
(*Lycophidion capense*)



HARMLESS

Common Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



HARMLESS

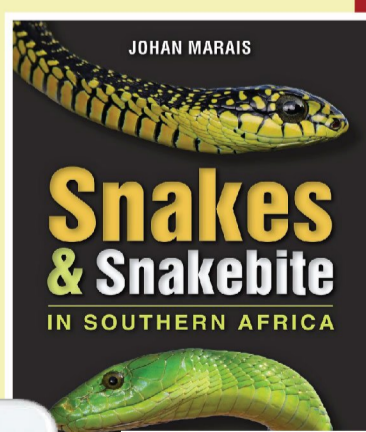
Delaland's Beaked Blind Snake
(*Rhinotyphlops lalandei*)



HARMLESS

Peter's Thread Snake
(*Leptotyphlops scutifrons*)

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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.

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