COMMON SNAKES
OF LANGEBAAN

Langebaan has around nineteen different species of snakes. Three species are considered highly venomous. Another three may give a bad bite but are not life-threatening. Five are considered mildly venomous and the other eight are completely harmless to humans.

HIGHLY VENOMOUS
Has caused human fatalities

DANGEROUS
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
Boomslang - male
(Dispholidus typus)

HIGHLY VENOMOUS
Boomslang - female
(Dispholidus typus)

HIGHLY VENOMOUS
Puff Adder
(Bitis arietans)

MILDLY VENOMOUS
Herald Snake
(Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia)

HARMLESS
Mole Snake - juvenile
(Pseudaspis cana)

CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE
Mole Snake - adult
(Pseudaspis cana)

MILDLY VENOMOUS
Spotted Harlequin Snake
(Homoroselaps lacteus)

MILDLY VENOMOUS
Spotted Skaapsteker
(Psammophylax rhombeatus)

MILDLY VENOMOUS
Cross-marked Grass Snake
(Psammophis crucifer)

MILDLY VENOMOUS
Karoo Sand Snake
(Psammophis notostictus)

MILDLY VENOMOUS
Leighton's Sand Snake
(Psammophis leightoni)

HARMLESS
Olive Snake
(Lycodonomorphus inornatus)

HARMLESS
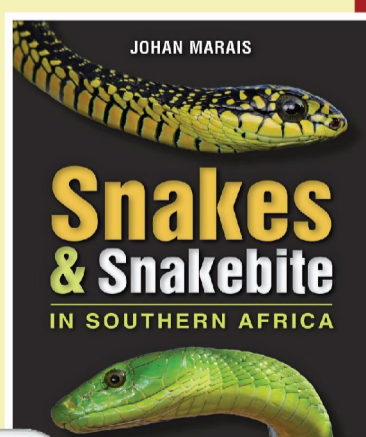**Common Slug-eater**
(Duberria lutrix)

HARMLESS
Common Egg-eater
(Dasypeltis scabra)

HARMLESS
Delelande's Beaked Blind Snake
(Rhinotyphlops lalandei) - 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.

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.