

COMMON SNAKES OF WINDHOEK

Problem snake removal – call Mike Böttger 0811297304 or Francois Theart 0812900343



Windhoek has a great variety of snakes with most of them not considered dangerous. Two species can inflict painful bites while five are considered very dangerous.

VERY DANGEROUS | Has caused human fatalities

DANGEROUS | Painful bite, but does not require antivenom

HARMLESS | Not dangerous to humans



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Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans arietans*)



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Western Barred Spitting Cobra
(*Naja nigricincta nigricincta*)



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Anchieta's Cobra
(*Naja anchietae*)



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Common Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus viridis*)



VERY DANGEROUS

Common Boomslang - female
(*Dispholidus typus viridis*)



VERY DANGEROUS

Common Boomslang - juvenile
(*Dispholidus typus viridis*)



VERY DANGEROUS

Black Mamba
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



HARMLESS

Western Yellow-bellied Sand Snake
(*Psammophis subtaeniatus*)



HARMLESS

Leopard Sand Snake
(*Psammophis leopardinus*)



HARMLESS

Spotted Bush Snake
(*Philothamnus semivariegatus*)



DANGEROUS

Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis bibronii*) Photo Warren Dick



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



HARMLESS

Rhombic Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



CAN INFLICT A NASTY BITE

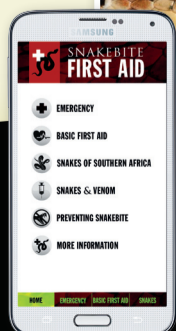
Southern African Python
(*Python natalensis*)



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Mole Snake
(*Pseudaspis cana*)

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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 In a snakebite emergency call Dr. P.J.C. Buys: +264 81 127 5109.

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.