

# Snakes in WA

Some information regarding serpents

## A few things about snakes

Just say G'Day and walk away. It's the best advice I can give to anyone who encounters a snake. Teach kids to just back away quietly. Keep dogs on leads or train your dog to not hassle them. Snakes will not attack or bite unless trodden on, injured or when very scared. They ARE scared of us and want to get away if at all possible. Snakes are attracted to overgrown areas – tidy back yards get less snakes – simple but true.



## Anytime Anywhere

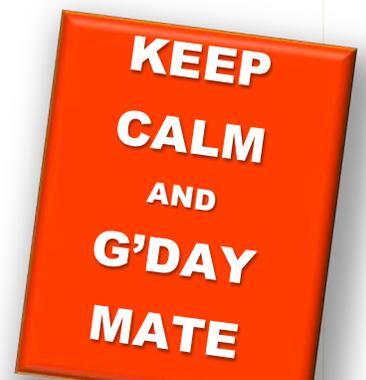
Snakes may be encountered anywhere in Australia and can also be found in all our cities. The most common time to see them is in spring – when they are still warming up and are more sluggish than in the summer.

**RELAX** – we can and do live safely together. Over 100 different species are found in WA. Many like pythons are not venomous, but identification is very difficult as some species vary in both colour and pattern. Assume all are dangerous and leave well alone.

The venomous Tiger Snake is usually associated with fresh water and of course, rivers and lakes are popular places for people to live and play near.

WA's most venomous snakes are Brown snakes they can appear in back yards, on the beach, in car parks, industrial estates and just about anywhere.

No need to live in fear. Learning about them should help with your fear and increase confidence



## SNAKE SIGHTING BASICS

### DO NOT

- Approach or corner the snake. It will get scared.
- Attempt to catch or kill the snake. It won't be happy!
- Block its exit – let it go!

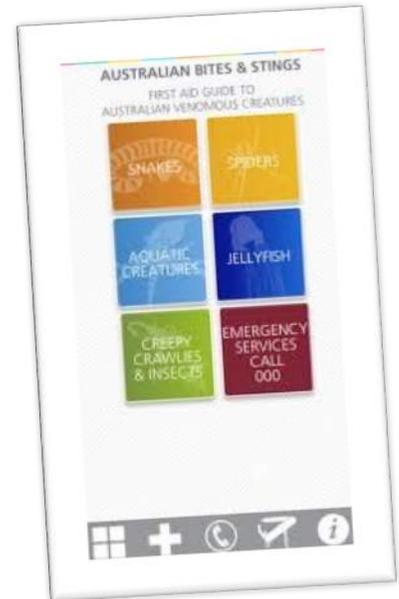
### DO

- Call an expert.
- Keep still and move slowly away.
- Remove children and animals from the area.



## FIRST AID TRAINING

First aid for a snake bite is actually very easy to learn and proven to be effective. Do a first aid course. The app below is also excellent and covers the basics.



## BE 'APPY'

*Australian Bites and Stings* is free to download. It is an App everyone needs. It tells you real facts about Australian creatures and what to do if stung or bitten by everything from a Redback Spider to a Death Adder. It has been produced by bioCSL, the people who make antivenom, and AVRU the Australian Venom Research Unit. They know what they are talking about. It has first aid advice for all Australian venomous creatures.



## PHONE A SNAKE REMOVALIST

If you have a snake problem call a trained reptile removalist. Many do it for free. A donation of up to \$100 may be asked for or should be offered. These people pay for training and need to buy snake catching equipment and drive to you. It is potentially dangerous work. Think what you would pay a plumber if you just have a dripping tap!



WILDCARE HELPLINE (08) 9474 9055

This is the main number you call 24/7 for sick, injured or orphaned native wildlife. They will give you some snake catchers' numbers. Animal Ark also list some on their website [animalark.com.au](http://animalark.com.au).

## ANIMAL ARK EMERGENCY SNAKE REMOVAL IN PERTH

**0466 688 188**

## GET EDUCATED

Animal Ark visit schools so kids learn about native animals including snakes.

We also train people who want to be snake removalists for their community, or just to learn more about them. DPaW endorsed.

Knowledge brings peace of mind. Well maybe!

