

Safety First...it's the right thing to do!



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Reptiles and Snakes

Summer is a time of active snakes, reptiles, and other wildlife. We must be aware of the dangers associated with the wildlife on our sites. Our best defense is KNOWING and PREVENTION! If you are bitten:

- Call 911 for medical assistance, or get the victim to a hospital.
- Remove anything in the area of the wound that may restrict blood flow.
- Slow down the swelling of the bitten limb by wrapping it with an elastic bandage tight enough to create some constriction, but not tight enough to restrict blood flow.
- Use a splint to restrict movement of the bitten limb.
- Prepare a cold washcloth or an icepack to apply to the victims forehead to help reduce nausea
- The absolute best course of action is to get the victim to a hospital or get medical assistance to the victim ASAP.
- A working cell phone and a GPS make up the best "snake bite kit" you can carry with you
- Getting medical attention as quickly as possible is the key to a good outcome of what can be a very bad situation.

Remember, the company and your family are counting on you!

Prevention:

Watch where you place your hands and feet when moving material. Don't place your fingers under material. Wear gloves.

A snake's striking distance is about 1/2 the total length of the snake.

If you see a snake - stay calm, move slowly away from it, and keep your distance.

If you hear the snake before you see it - DO NOT MOVE until you see the snake or know exactly where it is. Move slowly away from it, and keep your distance.

