

Hospitals with anti-venom

Please note it is important to ring the hospital prior to arriving to ensure this service is available.

Western Hospital

Furlong Road, Sunshine: 8345 1333
Gordon Street, Footscray: 8345 6666

Werribee Mercy Hospital

300 Princes Highway, Werribee: 9216 8888

Who to call if there is a snake on your property

Council's Customer Service Centre: 9932 1000

It is illegal to harm or kill snakes in Victoria. To catch or keep snakes you must hold an appropriate licence.

First aid:

- If you are bitten by a snake remain calm and stay as still as possible.
- Call Triple 000 or have someone do it for you.
- Wrap a pressure bandage around the site of the wound (usually on a limb) until the bandage is finished. It must be from fingers or toes to shoulder or hip. If you run out of bandage, get another one and continue until you reach the end of the limb.
- If you do not have a bandage, apply continuous direct pressure to the wound site.
- Immobilise the bandaged limb with splints if available.
- **DO NOT** try to catch the snake
- **DO NOT** wash the wound or remove clothes.
- **DO NOT** move the patient.
- **DO NOT** remove the bandage or pressure until help arrives.

For more information visit
www.stjohn.org.au or freecall 1300 360 455



HOBSONS BAY LANGUAGE LINE

9932 1212

INTERPRETER SERVICE FOR ALL LANGUAGES

AND RECORDED COUNCIL INFORMATION IN:

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Your Council in your language

HOBSONS BAY CITY COUNCIL

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The nature of the snake

Snakes play an important part in keeping nature's balance. They help control pests by eating insects, rodents and feral animals. They thrive in warm weather and are most active on warm nights. They move to residential areas in hot, dry conditions usually in search of water, food or somewhere to hide. Snakes eat mostly mice. They also eat frogs, rats, birds and lizards. Some larger species have been known to bite pets. Smaller snakes prefer insects and crickets. Snakes can have about 40 young a year.

The most common snakes in Hobsons Bay are the tiger snakes. The tiger snake can be identified by green or black coloured stripes with a pale yellow underbelly. Tiger snakes are generally frightened of you and will try to get away when approached or disturbed.

If you see a snake on your property it is important to have it taken away by a professional wildlife controller. It is the safest and most effective way to remove it.

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REMOVE THE SNAKE YOURSELF.

Discouraging snakes from your property

Prevention is always better than a cure.

- Cut your grass regularly.
- Keep any materials in your backyard to a minimum.
- Things leaning against your fence make good hiding places for snakes.

What can I do?

- Animals like chickens, rabbits and birds attract mice. Mice are snake's favourite food. They are attracted to backyards where food is abundant, such as birdseed or dry dog biscuits
- When gardening, wear gloves and solid footwear.
- If you must do any garden work after dark, turn the light on.
- Don't put your hands into nooks and crannies – it could be a snake's hiding place.
- Ensure there are no gaps or holes in your fence by extending your fence with metal or plastic sheeting into the ground.

What to do if you see a snake

If you see a snake on your property, the three most important things to do are:

1. **STAY CALM**
2. **DO NOT TOUCH THE SNAKE, LEAVE IT ALONE**
3. **CONTACT HOBSONS BAY CITY COUNCIL**

How to protect my pet?

- keep your dog on a lead in parks where snakes may be present
- by keeping to the paths you will be less likely to come upon a snake unexpectedly
- keep cats indoors
- if you suspect your pet has been bitten seek immediate assistance from your local veterinarian

