



PREVENT SNAKEBITE

Seven Simple Tips for Living Safely Alongside Snakes

If you get bitten by a snake, rush to the nearest health facility immediately. Even better is to not get a snakebite at all. Here are seven simple tips that can help you to live safely alongside snakes and prevent snakebite.

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DON'TS

1

If you can, cover your feet or wear shoes and watch your step. Carry a stick and tap ahead as you walk to give the snake enough warning to avoid you.



2

If possible, use a light when outside at night so you can see if a snake is in your path.



3

Close holes and open areas in your house to avoid snakes entering.



4

Snakes come into your house looking for food. Store food and water in closed containers and keep livestock outside.



5

Snakes like to hide in firewood – store it well away from your house!



6

Raise beds above the ground and use mosquito nets to prevent snakes from entering your bed.



7

Cut grass and clear the ground around your house to remove hiding places for snakes.



SNAKEBITE EMERGENCY?

In case of a snakebite emergency, go to a health facility IMMEDIATELY!

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