

# Be Snake Aware In The Goldfields

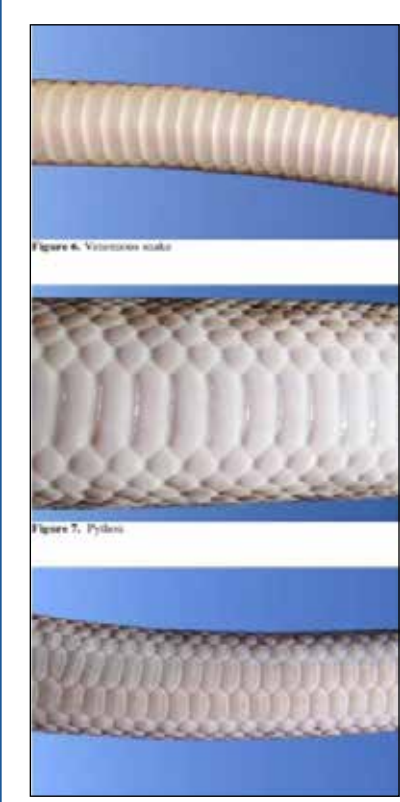
As the weather starts to warm up, the snakes are starting to come out of hiding.

It is important to note that in the Goldfields there are legless lizards (that look very similar to snakes; but are non-venomous), non-venomous snakes (pythons) and venomous snakes. The way to tell the difference between these three species is the scales on their underside.

If you see a snake or suspect a snake to be nearby, DO NOT approach or kill it. Snakes are a protected species in Western Australia and killing them without reason can result in a fine.

There are qualified snake handlers in Coolgardie. Please contact the Shire of Coolgardie on 9080 2111 if you are in need of assistance with a snake. Please do not try and catch the snake yourself, as they can strike and may be venomous.

If you get bitten by a snake, immediately apply pressure to the wound and immobilise it, moving it as little as possible. Call triple zero (000) and try your best to recall what the snake looked like, to help with identification for anti-venom.



- The top photo, shows a venomous snake. Their belly scales are long and horizontal.
- The middle photo, shows a non-venomous python. Their belly scales are shorter and have smaller scales next to them.
- The bottom photo, shows a non-venomous legless lizard. Their belly scales are small and more patterned.

## Common snakes in the Goldfields:

- King Brown snake – venomous
- Western Brown snake - venomous
- Dugite snake - venomous
- Tiger snake - venomous
- Carpet Python – non-venomous
- Stimson’s Python – non-venomous
- Hooded Scaly-Foot legless lizard – non-venomous



Brown snake.



Dugite snake.



Tiger snake.



Carpet python.



Hooded scaly-foot legless lizard.