

Watch Out For Snakes Infographic

HOW TO PREVENT SNAKEBITE

With a basic understanding of snake ecology and simple changes to daily routines, most venomous snakebites could be avoided.

1. BE SNAKE AWARE

Snakes are generally shy animals and prefer to hide in dark areas, like cracks or crevices, or under logs and rocks. When walking, playing or gardening, be conscious of where you put your hands and feet, so you don't accidentally touch or step on a snake. Ask yourself, "Could a snake be there?" That's being snake aware!

2. USE A LIGHT AT NIGHT

Some snake species are most active at dusk or at night. Always use a light when you walk at night to avoid stepping on a snake in the dark.

3. RODENT PROOF YOUR HOME

Keep rats and mice away from your home, because they will attract snakes. Snakes will search for food where there is prey. No food? No snakes.

4. MAKE YOUR HOME & YARD SNAKE SAFE

Keep paths clear, cut grass short and remove debris that accumulates near your home. Examine your home, see a place a snake could get into? Close up cracks and other openings.

5. RESPECT THE SNAKE

If you find a snake, do not try and pick it up or kill it. Snakes are not aggressive, so watch it from a safe distance. If outside, after some time the snake will move off on its own. If inside and you do not feel comfortable removing it yourself safely, call your local snake rescuer for assistance.

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