



IF THERE IS A SNAKE SIGHTED ON GROUND THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE IS TO BE FOLLOWED

1. MOVE CHILDREN TO SAFETY

If you sight a snake in the yard whilst outside with children and young people, the top priority is ensuring their safety. Calmly and quietly instruct the children to move away from the area, taking the safest route. An educator will position themselves behind the children to guide them away from the snake while maintaining a safe distance.

2. REPORT SNAKE SIGHTING

Immediately use a walkie-talkie to report the sighting to the Nominated Supervisor. Use clear and concise language, stating the location of the snake, its size if possible, and any distinguishing features like colour or pattern.

3. LOCKDOWN PROCEDURE

A siren will sound on the megaphone, signalling a lockdown in TR9. All educators and children must proceed to the designated lockdown area immediately.

4. DOCUMENT AND MONITOR THE SNAKE IF SAFE

A designated educator, positioned away from the snake but with a clear view, should document the location and time of the sighting. If possible and safe, the educator should keep the snake in sight.

5. CHILDREN REMAIN INSIDE

Once inside the designated lockdown area, educators will ensure all children and young people are safe and accounted for by conducting a headcount.

6. CONTACT SNAKE CATCHER IF NECESSARY

The Nominated Supervisor will assess the situation and determine if contacting the professional snake catcher Roger on 0415 928 500 is necessary.

7. RESUME NORMAL OPERATIONS

Once the area has been declared clear by the snake catcher, or Nominated Supervisor if a catcher is not required educators will ensure the area is safe before allowing children back outside. OSHC will then revert back to regular operations.

IN THE EVENT A CHILD OR ADULT GETS BITTEN BY A SNAKE THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE IS TO BE FOLLOWED

Get the child or adult away from the snake

Ensure they rest and help them to stay calm

Follow the steps of basic first aid - DRSABCD

Call triple zero (000) and ask for an ambulance and inform the family

If calling triple zero does not work on your mobile phone, try calling 112

Apply a pressure immobilisation bandage - If you can't use a pressure immobilisation bandage because the bite is on the stomach or back, apply constant, firm pressure

Things you SHOULD NOT do:

Do not wash the bite area - venom left on the skin and clothing can help identify the snake

Do not apply a tourniquet (a strap to stop blood flow)

Do not cut the wound