SNAKE BITE SAFETY

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SNAKE FACTS

- There are about 45,000 snake bites reported each year
- Around 7,000 of those are venomous snake bites
  - ~6 Fatalities are reported every year
- There are about 3,000 species of snakes in the world
  - 600 are venomous
MORE FUN FACTS

- 90% of snakebites happen during the summer
- 90% of snakebite victims are males
- 50-80% of bites are to the hand
- 40-60% of bites happen when the victim was handling the snake
- 20-40% of incidents involved victims who were drunk

VENOMOUS SNAKE BITE SYMPTOMS

- Immediate pain
- Blurred vision
- Difficulty breathing
- Numbness of limbs
- Nausea
- Sweats
WHAT TO DO IF BITTEN

- Call 911 or your local emergency number
- Remember the time of the bite
- Stay in one position and try not to move too much - keep area of bite below heart
- Remove any constricting clothing
- Take a mental picture of the snake (or a real one if you have time)

WAYS TO PROTECT YOURSELF

- Practice good situational awareness
- Wear thick leather boots
- Don’t stick your hands into places you can’t see
SOURCES

- https://www.healthline.com/health/snake-bites#overview1
- https://www.webmd.com/a-to-z-guides/snakebite#1