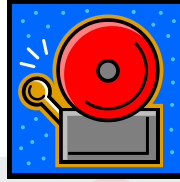


SAFETY ALERT



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Increased sightings and potential interactivity with reptiles.

Given the recent favourable weather conditions and the abundance of food sources there has been a significant increase in the number of sightings of snakes in our work environments.

As we share this environment, in most cases, with these reptiles we need to be particularly alert and conscious of their potential presence.

Over the last few weeks we have been informed of a number of instances where staff have had encounters with snakes within work sites – one in particular where the snake made a strike at a worker.

Should any members of staff come into contact with a snake or spider in the work place (or at any time) they should move away and not attempt to either catch or kill the offending animal.

In the event that someone is bitten (or suspects that they have been bitten) first aid treatment must be administered **IMMEDIATELY** and the worker taken to the nearest medical centre by way of the most appropriate method available.

ACTION REQUIRED

- Advise and discuss with all employees under your control this Safety Alert
- Place the Safety Alert on display
- Ensure a “sign-off” (for example, a Team Safety Meeting record) is obtained to verify that employees have been briefed on this Safety Alert