

RATTLESNAKE BITES:

- Remind all volunteer working or people recreating in grass and brush areas that the rattlesnakes are out.
- Remind all volunteers and recreationist that rattlesnakes do not always rattle before they strike.
- Ensure that all volunteers working on the trail are wearing high top boots, long pants, long sleeved shirts and gloves while working in grass or brush.

TREATMENT OF A SNAKE BITE IN THE FIELD

- Keep the site of bite below the heart if possible. This might lessen lymphatic flow of venom.
- Remove all jewelry including watches, rings, and bracelets from involved extremity as severe swelling can be expected.
- Do not apply a tourniquet or constricting band to an involved extremity.
- Immobilize an affected limb, and keep the patient as quiet as possible.
- Transport patient to the closest hospital as soon as possible.